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Abdullah in Morocco on private visit

CASABLANCA, June 8 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah arrived here Thursday on a private visit to Morocco.

He was received by Prince Abdullah, brother of King Hassan and a number of senior officials. Prince Abdullah left Riyadh earlier in the day on a tour which will also include some European countries.

He was seen off by Prince Mislal, Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard, Prince Majed, minister of municipal and rural affairs, Prince Satam, deputy governor of Riyadh and other officials.

To protect wealth

Iran nationalizes banks

TEHRAN, June 8 (Agencies) — Iran has nationalized all its banks, Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan announced Friday in a broadcast over the state radio.

The decision was effective from Thursday. The prime minister's statement said: "We respect private property but in view of undesirable drawbacks and conditions in the banks, and to protect national rights and wealth and get the heels of the economy moving, we deemed it necessary to nationalize the banks."

"Management of the banks will be taken over by the government and no management is acceptable unless approved by the government."

Iran's Planning and Budget Organization director, Ali Moirar, issued a separate statement over the radio saying: "From now on, in the Islamic economic system, there will be no private banks."

Commenting on the performance of the banking system under the Shah, Moirar said: "Many of the owners of private banks did not have a good record and did not play their fundamental

King appeals to Africans not to resume Israel ties

RIYADH, June 8 (SPA) — King Khaled has appealed to African states not to resume diplomatic relations with Tel Aviv until Israel has completely withdrawn from occupied Arab lands and restored the rights of the Palestinian people.

The King made the appeal in a communique issued at the end of his official visit to the Kingdom of Morocco on Thursday. He was referring to countries that had broken relations with the Jewish state in 1973, when most states of black Africa severed ties.

In the communique, Saudi Arabia and Cameroon reaffirmed their insistence of the need for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, including the holy city of Jerusalem, and the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, including their right to self-determination and the restitution of their homeland and their right to statehood.

The two sides expressed their satisfaction at the progress made in Islamic solidarity and Afro-Arab cooperation. They expressed deep concern at events in Africa arising from foreign interference, threatening peace and stability and obstructing peaceful development.

During his visit here President Ahidjo held talks with King Khaled which were described by

the communique as frank and friendly and resulting in profound understanding. They exchanged views on Afro-Arab relations and bilateral cooperation.

The talks were joined on the Saudi side by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, the King's Adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon, Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abd Al-Khalil, Minister of State Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, Director of the East African Desk in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ahmad Abdullah Siraj and Saudi Charge d'Affaires in Cameroon Abdul Rahman Al-Aqil.

On the Cameroon side they were joined by the Special Assignments Minister Yadiu Abdullahi, Minister of Economy and Planning Yusuf Dawood, Presidential Secretary Bello Boba, Commissioner of Tourism Aminu Oumar, the Ambassador in Jeddah Hamadou Alim and Embassy Secretary Ali Maloumri.

King Khaled and President Ahidjo expressed their determination to strengthen bilateral relations and develop cooperation and propagate the faith, as well as to exchange visits by officials at all levels.



King Khaled

Nonaligned movement urged to expel Egypt

COLOMBO, June 8 (Agencies) — Iraq and Syria Friday urged the nonaligned states to isolate Egypt and suspend its membership of the movement because its peace treaty with Israel violated the principles of nonalignment.

But Egypt, fighting back hard to retain its membership of the movement, said it was following the road to peace with the support of the nonaligned nations to prove that Israel was wrong in claiming Arabs only wanted war.

The three Arab states were addressing an open session of the 25-member coordinating bureau preparing for the full summit of the nonaligned movement due to be held in Havana next September.

Iraq, Syria, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had earlier formally asked the ministerial meeting to consider the suspension of Egypt but their move met strong opposition, particularly from black African nations.

Apparently trying to woo the Africans, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam told the meeting the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was as much of a forgery as the recent Rhodesian elections.

But Egypt's Esmat Abdul Meguid said his country had always supported liberation struggles in Africa.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi spoke of plots and treachery and charged that the government of President Anwar Sadat had become an ally of imperialism and Zionism.

It was necessary to isolate the Egyptian government "not as a punishment but to mobilize international public opinion to bring back Egypt to the right track," he said.

The Syrian minister called on member countries to approve the proposed suspension of Egypt, saying "whoever becomes a friend of Israel and an ally of the United States cannot be one of us."

Abdul Meguid, Egypt's permanent representative at the United Nations, said Egypt would carry on its "combat for peace" in spite of obstacles placed by Israel and deplorable attacks on Egypt by "brother countries."

Abdul Meguid said Egypt is well aware of its responsibilities to help the Palestinians gain an independent homeland.

PLO proposes sanctions if Canada moves embassy

AMMAN, June 8 (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) office here called on Arab states to impose economic sanctions against Canada and sever economic relations with it if it went ahead with its intentions to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In a statement here Friday, the office said: "The United States itself, the major benefactor of the Zionist state, has so far taken no such action."

"By transferring its embassy to Jerusalem, the Canadian government would confirm reports that the new administration in Canada lacks political experience and statesmanship," it added.

It also called on Arab, Islamic and friendly nations to denounce the Canadian move.

On Thursday, Syria warned Canada that it would retaliate "in an appropriate time and appropriate way" if the government transferred its embassy to Jerusalem.

A foreign ministry spokesman said the Syrian government received news of a decision by the Canadian government of Prime Minister Joe Clark to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem with deep concern and disappointment.

"If the decision was carried out it will be against the line, which Canada and most countries in the world have adopted so far, and an encouragement of the expansionist and de-facto policy by Israel," the spokesman said.

He added: "It would also mean that one day, not very far, Canada will find out that its stand against the Palestinian people and the Arab countries was an irresponsible act which must invite an appropriate retaliation in the appropriate time."

The Syrian government still hoped, however, that the Canadian decision would not be carried out as there was still time for Canada to change its mind in the interest of future Arab-Canadian relations, he added.

Egypt also described Canada's decision as anti-Arab and anti-Egyptian and said it would have serious consequences for Arab-Canadian relations.

The criticism was carried by the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoting an official foreign ministry source — a device frequently used by the government to make its views known without making a formal statement.

The Council of Muslim Communities of Canada also condemned the decision.

"This action is irresponsible and is not in the interests of Canada and its people. It will inevitably threaten Canada's friendly relations with the Arab and Muslim countries and it will lead to severing diplomatic and economic ties between Canada and these countries," the Council said.

In Ottawa, External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald Thursday virtually set aside the plan to move the embassy.

Miss MacDonald reiterated in a statement late Thursday that "we are not working to any deadlines" on plans to move the embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv.

She indicated the Jerusalem move ranks behind other high priority issues on the government agenda in coming months. Before the government acts on its plan, it will want to consult widely with Arab and other countries and outline the plans to parliament and the Canadian public, Miss MacDonald said.

Parliament is not scheduled to meet until late September or October.

Israelis raid S. Lebanon in violation of ceasefire

BEIRUT, June 8 (Agencies) — Israeli planes and artillery pounded southern Lebanon Friday despite efforts by the Palestine Liberation Organization to ease tensions in the devastated region.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa, which confirmed the report, said one of the villages also came under rocket and artillery fire from Israeli-backed rightist militias near the border.

The air raids, which began shortly after 4 a.m. (0200 GMT), came as Palestinian commandos and their Lebanese leftist allies were withdrawing from civilian

areas in the volatile border region.

The PLO high command accused Israel of "seriously violating" a ceasefire that has stopped the latest round of Israeli-PLO war.

Israel has said it is no party to the truce U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim announced May 31, although heavy fighting came to a standstill after the declaration.

On Wednesday, the Palestinians announced that they were withdrawing their forces from populated areas of the south to avert the threat of Israeli strikes.

A statement issued by Wafa at the time said: "The unified command took a military decision to keep clear of southern villages so the enemy may have no excuse to take action against these villages."

Friday's air strikes were the first for two weeks after a series of devastating raids and artillery bombardments which left many killed or wounded.

The PLO communique said Israeli border gunners, and their right-wing Lebanese allies "poured" a barrage of rockets and long-range artillery against positions two hours after the jets struck. "The ground bombardment was still at full blast when this communique was released," it said.

Ghali sees no West Bank role for Israel army after autonomy

TEL AVIV, June 8 (Agencies) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali was quoted Friday as saying the Israeli army should have no role in internal security on the West Bank once autonomy was established.

In an interview with the "Jerusalem Post," Ghali said the army's use in anti-commando activities once it had withdrawn to specified locations under the autonomy plan would be interference in the internal affairs of the Palestinian authority.

Israel has announced its intention of using the army to maintain security.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said this week the military authorities would arrest members of the autonomous council if they declared an independent state in the West Bank.

Ghali said the spirit of Camp David was the eventual evolution of a Palestinian state, something Israel refuses to entertain.

He said this was the only reason Egypt had signed the framework for a Middle East peace autonomy for the West Bank, and the Camp David accords should be seen in the broad context of modern-day decolonization.

David Landau, the "Post's" correspondent who conducted the

interview in Cairo, summed up Ghali's remarks as: "Palestinian autonomy must be seen in the broad context of the age of decolonization. It is a belated instance of the progress of an occupied people, through a transition period, towards self-determination and the exercise of sovereignty."

"The decolonization theme is the spirit that permeates the Camp David framework, which created the autonomy."

"Camp David must be compared to the scores of other international treaties concluded in recent decades to provide for the stage-by-stage withdrawal of the colonizing powers and the independence of the peoples they occupied."

Ghali demanded a moratorium on the establishment of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

"We cannot accept new settlements. They are incompatible with the whole concept of Camp David. Why negotiate over the future of the West Bank if you are meanwhile imposing the fact of change?"

New settlements were a continuous provocation which deterred Palestinian participation in the process, he said.

Earlier in the week, the Israeli cabinet approved a controversial new West Bank settlement — called Alon Morel, — by an 8 to 5 vote. Leading the opposition were Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman.

The United States criticized the Israeli decision, as it has with previous new settlements in the West Bank, saying it was an obstacle to efforts to reach a Middle East peace.

Opposition political groups in Israel, led by the former dominant Labor Party, said the new settlement was a blow to chances of reaching agreement in the current talks between Egypt and Israel on the thorny Palestinian autonomy proposal.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who heads the Israeli negotiating team, returned from two days of autonomy talks with the Egyptians and admitted there were sharp areas of disagreement, including the question of Jewish settlement in the occupied lands.

He told reporters that Egypt and Israel had agreed on procedural matters but "there were important points on which we agreed to disagree."

Early election results indicate massive win for Sadat's NDP

CAIRO, June 8 (Agencies) — Premier Mustafa Khalil was among early winners in Egypt's first multi-party elections in 27 years and first results indicated a massive victory for President Anwar Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party (NDP).

Other prominent members of the government elected so far include the secretary general of the NDP, Fikri Makram Obaid, who is also a deputy premier, and Ahmad Ali Mousa, minister of justice.

Khalil's government remains in power until run-offs next Thursday after which he will formally tender his resignation.

Sadat is expected to ask him to form the new government.

Prominent losers included Mahmoud Kadi, leader of the National Front (NFP) the one new party which tried, and failed, to constitute itself in time for the elections called just over six weeks ago. Kadi ran as an independent. He lost his seat to an NDP candidate.

Several prominent former opposition members of parliament also lost their seats to the ruling NDP. They included one of the only two members of the leftist Unionist Progressive Party (UPP) in the outgoing parliament, Qabbari Abdullah.

They also included Sheikh Ashour Nasr, a member of the defunct New Wafd Party dismissed from parliament for shouting "down with Sadat" in the house, and Abdul-Ez Hariri, a UPP member dismissed after he was charged with inciting people to violence during a by-election.

They also lost their seats to the NDP.

The election ended Thursday with the deaths of two people in clashes between rival party supporters and charges of vote-rigging in some constituencies.

The Middle East News Agency

(MENA) reported Thursday night that the vote had been cancelled at the Shebin El-Kanater constituency near Cairo after it had been established that there were irregularities. It said another poll would be held.

Two UPP candidates said Thursday they had stood down from the election, alleging "strange behavior and forgery," but this was later denied by an interior ministry spokesman.

Police sources said two people were killed and 27 injured in clashes between supporters of rival candidates in various parts of the country.

Low voter turnout reported in European Parliament polls

BRUSSELS, June 8 (R) — The direct election to the European Parliament, hailed by its organizers as a historic event, failed to inspire the voters Thursday.

Low turnouts were reported among the 56 million Britons, French, Dutch and Irish entitled to take part. Voters in France, West Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium and Italy will go to the polls Sunday.

The results will not be known until Monday, as counting begins only when the last polls close, in Italy on Sunday night.

British polling officers said the

turnout was far less than the 80 per cent at last month's national elections. In the Netherlands last minute appeals by political leaders to go out and vote fell on deaf ears.

A major reason for the lack of interest is that the European parliament has scarcely any real powers, except over a small part of the Common Market budget.

There could be a higher vote in Northern Ireland, where the issues which tempt electors to the ballot box are local rather than European.

One polling station was closed in Northern Ireland after someone planted a bomb, and as a

security measure every voter was searched before casting his ballot.

In the Dutch town of Eindhoven two young men were arrested for handing out official-looking letters saying that the elections had been postponed until Friday.

A computer forecast as non-predicted about 60 per cent of the nine million Dutch people would vote for the country's 25 members of the European Parliament.

In Denmark a survey conducted by the national news agency Ritzau suggested a turnout of as low as half the 3.7 million voters was possible.

The elected parliament will have 410 members, who will hold all their meetings this year in Strasbourg, possibly moving to Luxembourg for some sessions in 1980.

West Germany, Britain, France and Italy will each have 81 members, the Netherlands 25, Belgium 24, Denmark 16, Ireland 15 and Luxembourg six.

Until they meet on July 17 the shape of the new assembly may not be clear. In the old one, 198 members named by national parliaments divided into six political groups.

If Britain's Labor Party fares ill, as forecast, it will sap the strength of the Socialists, hitherto the biggest group.

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Sultan prays for role in liberation

DHAHRAN, June 8 — Defense Minister Prince Sultan prayed here Thursday that the Saudi armed forces would help liberate Jerusalem.

Speaking to officers and men during a tour of Royal Saudi Air Force installations here Thursday, Prince Sultan said: "I pray to Almighty God to help you liberate Holy Jerusalem from the Zionists so that the Saudi people have the honor of restoring the Holy Places."

The prince was speaking after a visit to the air-combat training school and simulators, the air reconnaissance center and the military operations center at Dhahran Air Base.

He urged officers and men to hold to their faith and to "live with the disturbed conditions around you."

On the tour, which also took in the missile batteries and anti-aircraft defense system, Prince Sultan was accompanied by Gen. Ali Al-Buri, commander of the eastern zone and Col. Abdul Aziz Al-Munairi, deputy commander of the base.



MILITARY VISITORS: Members of the Jordanian military delegation to Saudi Arabia. Western Zone Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shanabi gave a dinner in their honor over the weekend.

Four die, 117 are injured in month on Riyadh roads

RIYADH, June 8 — Riyadh's accident toll from accidents last month was four dead and 117 hospitalized, according to official figures quoted by "Al-Jazirah" Friday.

On the highways leading out of the town, a further 15 persons were killed and 72 injured. "Al-Jazirah" also provided a profile of the 63 inner-city acci-

dents that caused injuries or deaths. Five involved collisions with lamp posts, 15 involved overturned cars; pedestrians were hit in 11; 10 were collisions between cars and motorcycles and 22 collisions between cars.

On the highways, there were 31 collisions between cars, 24 cars overturned, 7 accidents involving straying animals and three in which pedestrians were hit.

Cabinet okays consultancy plan for Jeddah city

JEDDAH, June 8 — The new foreign consultancy operation designed to cut costs and minimize disruption in Jeddah city projects will cost the Municipality SR 12 million, "Al-Bilad" reported Friday.

The Council of Ministers has given the Municipality the go-ahead to hire the company to assist its own Coordination Committee.

The main objective is to ensure that projects do not overlap and excavation or asphaltting has to be done all over again. The city will also be in overall charge of ministry projects — laying telephone and power cables, water and sewage lines — so that these are coordinated with municipality schemes.

Social care makes giant strides, aide reports

RIYADH, June 8 (SPA) — Social care for juvenile delinquents, the handicapped and children in need has made "remarkable progress" in the past four years, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Prince Fahd ibn Sultan said here over the weekend.

The ministry has also made available massive financial aid for charitable societies and foster parents, Prince Fahd said.

Outlining the ministry's record over the first four years of the Second Five-year Development Plan, Prince Fahd said that the ministry's Social Welfare Department had established:

- nine social care institutes for boys,
- two guidance centers, in Jeddah and Dammam, for delinquent children,
- two kindergartens for children in "special circumstances",
- seven nursing homes for old people,
- five guidance centers for children considered at risk of delinquency,
- five centers for handicapped adults, two each in Taif and Dammam and one in Riyadh,
- And seven offices to curb begging in public.

Other facilities opened include an institute for paralyzed children in Riyadh, a center for women's care and two rehabilitation centers for the severely handicapped.

State aid to charitable societies covers 80 per cent of their running expenses, annual subsidies and expenses for experts and government officials seconded to them. The state also provides emergency assistance for societies in financial difficulty, Prince Fahd said.

In the four-year period, government aid to societies increased from SR45,000 to SR12 million, Prince Fahd said. This has permitted large-scale expansion on their part with the number of charities increasing from 3,940 to 6,405 and total disbursements to SR25 million per year, he said.

2,500 beggars held in 1978

JEDDAH, June 8 — Nearly 2,500 suspected beggars were arrested in Saudi Arabia last year, about half of them being non-Saudis.

Muhammad Al-Sajini, director of the Anti-Begging Department, told "Al-Medina" Friday that 2,487 persons were detained last year on suspicion of begging.

In the western region, 1,398 persons were held, of which 362 were Saudis. In Riyadh, the majority was Saudi. Non-Saudis were deported while Saudis were referred for examination of their cases and possible assistance.

Quraishi heads team to BIS

JEDDAH, June 8 — Saudi Monetary Agency Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi will lead the Saudi delegation to the meetings this week of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) to discuss the international payments situation. SAMA Foreign Department Director-General Ahmad Abdullahi has already left for the Basle meeting, which will be attended by U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and leading bankers.

Saudi trade booth bags prize

BARCELONA, June 8 — The Saudi Pavilion at the Barcelona International Fair won the first prize this week for being the best of the 29 countries participating in the fair.

Solaim returns from Bahrain

RIYADH, June 8 (SPA) — Minister of Commerce Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim returned from Bahrain after holding talks on economic and trade relations between the two countries and the Gulf states in general.

Fishing boom seen cutting prices

JEDDAH, June 8 — Responding to criticism of the high cost of fish, Minister of Agriculture Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh said Thursday the government has many plans to increase supply and bring down prices. An extensive study of the nation's territorial waters is underway, the minister said, and a training program for fishermen is being studied. "We are optimistic that we shall soon have a lot of fish."

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As Islamabad seeks end to war of words

Kabul claims clashes with Pakistan militias

ISLAMABAD, June 8 (R) — Afghanistan has again accused Pakistan of sending militia troops across the border. It said it inflicted heavy losses on them. Kabul radio said Thursday night serious clashes took place between Afghan troops and Pakistan militias in the two eastern provinces of Nangahar and Paktia on Wednesday.

Afghanistan has frequently accused Pakistan of sending troops across the border in disguise to help tribesmen in their guerrilla warfare against the government.

Pakistan has denied the allegations and in turn has accused Afghanistan of violating its airspace and bombing and shelling its territory.

Afghanistan made its new charges only hours after Pakistan appealed in a note for an end to hostile propaganda. Kabul radio said some of the clashes occurred in the Mohmand tribe's area north of the important city of Jallalabad and close to the border with Pakistan.



Benjedid Chadli

Jordan, Algeria urge total boycott of Egypt

ALGIERS, June 8 (Agencies) — Jordan's King Hussein and Algeria's President Benjedid Chadli agreed in three days of talks here that the Arab countries should continue their efforts to isolate Egypt "on all levels," a joint communique said Friday.

The communique urged the "relentless implementation" of decisions taken at an Arab summit in Baghdad in March to retaliate against Egypt's signature of a peace treaty with Israel. The boycott of Egypt, the communique said, "is necessary...to protect the interests of the Arab nation."

The communique said the treaty was "the direct cause of the aggravation of tension in the Middle East," as it allowed the Zionist enemy to consolidate its occupation of Arab territories, and to continue its aggressions, especially against Lebanon.

On the Western Sahara, the communique said "the continued fighting in this part of the Arab nation did not serve the interests of the Arabs, but only those of their enemies."

"Therefore, the two sides stressed the need to find a quick political solution on the basis of the United Nations principles, of decisions of international bodies, of the principle of self-determination and the spirit of Arab brotherhood, to guarantee security and stability in the region," it added.

Chad minister accuses Libya of aiding rebels

KHARTOUM, June 8 (R) — Chad's Interior Minister Goukouni Oueddei has accused Libya of training rebel Chad forces and airlifting them to the south of the country with Libyan military advisers, the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) has reported.

The agency Thursday quoted Goukouni as saying in a statement broadcast by N'Djamena radio that antigovernment forces from northern Chad, loyal to pro-Libyan rebel leader Ahmad Agil, had been flown to the south to bolster a revolt by black forces commanded by former national gendarmerie commander Wadal Abdulkader Kamougue.

"The government has recently sent forces to the south where fighting is under way on three fronts with Kamougue-led Christian troops," Goukouni was quoted as saying.

Goukouni is himself a former guerrilla leader whose Frontal Movement was once backed by the Libyans.

The minister said the Chad government had demanded the withdrawal of a Nigerian peace-keeping force because it had not played the neutral role envisaged by the Kano conferences in Nigeria which attempted to organize a peaceful settlement in the poor landlocked central African state.

The minister accused Nigeria of trying to shatter Chad's economy by imposing economic sanctions against his country.



King Hussein

Grenade kills 3 children in Gaza Strip

TEL AVIV, June 8 (AP) — Three children were killed in the Gaza Strip when a grenade they were playing with exploded, Israel radio reported.

The children discovered the grenade in an orchard, the radio said. Another six-year-old girl was seriously injured in the blast.

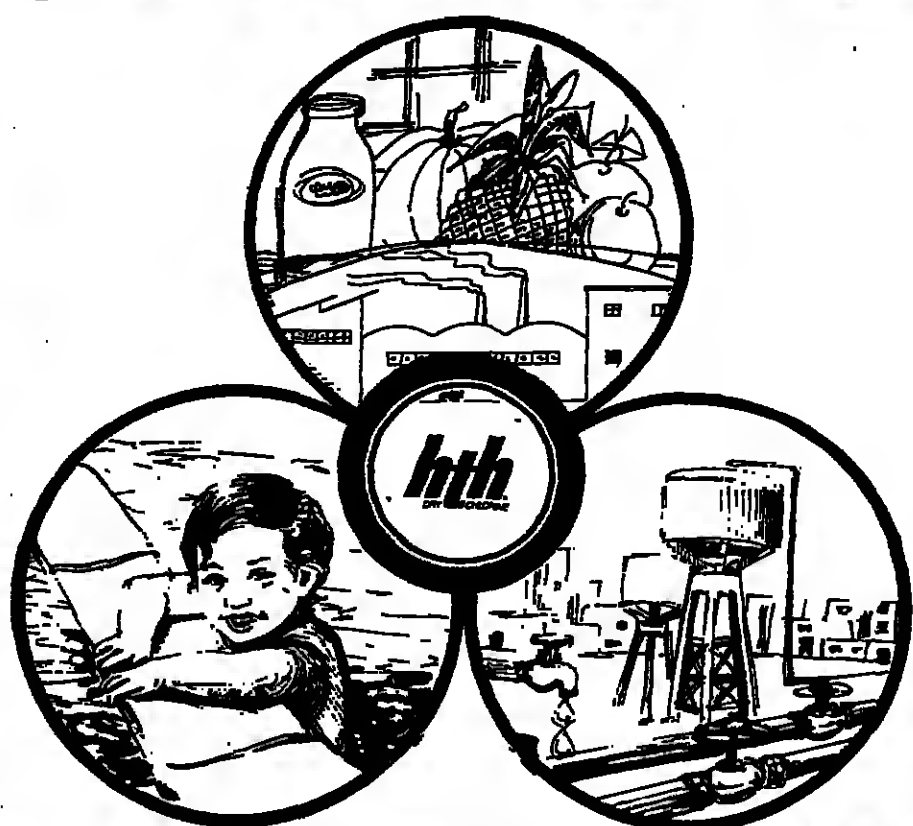
In a separate development, a French woman arrested two weeks ago in Jerusalem has been charged with working for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A French Embassy spokeswoman said Friday Catherine Raoul, 31, a Parisian Schoolteacher, is to be tried on charges of contacting the PLO office in Spain and offering to work for them against Israel. No trial date was set.

Two other foreign women are in Israeli jails. Terre Fleener, a 25-year-old American from San Antonio, Texas, was convicted last year of aiding a commando group in Lebanon. Her five year sentence was reduced to 2½ years recently.

Another woman, 25-year-old Ludvina Janssen of Breda, the Netherlands had her six-year term reduced to 4½ years.

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Greece okays pact to end Turkish border incidents

ATHENS, June 8 (AP) — Greece's parliament Friday approved a Greek-Turkish protocol specifying measures to end dangerous border incidents between the two hostile neighbors. The entire opposition party abstained in disagreement.

The protocol was approved because of the government's parliamentary majority over the combined center-leftist and ultra-rightist opposition, which said that approval "encourages Turkish diplomatic aims against Greek interests."

The agreement was drawn up in 1971, but the two governments only a few months ago agreed to promote it for parliamentary ratification after a renewed spate of border incidents.

Greek Foreign Minister George Rallis told parliament that over the past two years alone there were some 450 border incidents between the two NATO member countries. Such incidents ranged from farmers or fishermen erroneously trespassing over the sea and land frontiers, to more serious cases of patrol boats opening fire. Several Greeks and Turks have been jailed by the other side, while one Greek fisherman was killed when his boat was rammed.

Earlier this year the two sides agreed to exchange prisoners and more clearly demarcate their northern frontier lines, which sometimes is altered because of the changing course of river routes.

Denktash ends talks with Ecevit

NICOSIA, June 8 (R) — Turkish Cypriot Leader Rauf Denktash returned home Thursday night after talks with Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit in Ankara, the Turkish Cypriot news agency reported Friday.

His discussions covered crucial talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders due to start in Nicosia on June 15.

Speaking to reporters in Ankara on Wednesday, Denktash strongly indicated that the Turkish Cypriots were prepared to make compromises.

Sudan, Cuba to establish diplomatic ties

KHARTOUM, June 8 (R) — Sudan and Cuba have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) has reported.

The agreement came at talks here between Sudanese Vice-President and Foreign Minister El-Rasheed El-Tahir Bakr and Cuban Justice Minister and presidential emissary Aroando Torres Santayll, the agency said.

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Congress battle ahead

Carter refuses to lift sanctions

WASHINGTON, June 8 (R) — Efforts will be made in Congress to force President Carter to lift American sanctions against Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

Carter said Thursday night that the elections which brought Bishop Abel Muzorewa to power as the country's first black prime minister were neither free nor fair, and sanctions would therefore be maintained. He did, though, promise to keep the matter under review.

The first challenge to his policy was expected next week in the Senate, which is already on record

as overwhelmingly opposing sanctions. Senators will consider legislation compelling Carter to lift them.

Similar moves were pending in the House of Representatives, where sentiment favoring sanctions was believed to be weakening.

Carter said last night that the recent elections did not meet the criteria which, under a 1978 law, would allow the removal of the sanctions mandated by the United Nations.

They were held under a constitution approved only by the

country's white minority, comprising only four per cent of the population, he said, and the new government therefore gave disproportionate power to whites.

Carter also said that representatives of opposing political parties were banned from the elections. Black African states, strongly opposed to the new government, have threatened retaliation against the United States if it lifts sanctions.

They include Nigeria, which provides about 15 per cent of American oil imports.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told reporters the question of Nigerian oil had not influenced Carter's decision, which he said concerned a "matter of deep principle."

Carter said he decided against lifting sanctions after consulting the British government, which has itself delayed a decision on sanctions until after the Commonwealth Conference in Lusaka in August.

The Senate voted 75-19 last month in favor of lifting sanctions. The vote was not legally binding, but an amendment attached to a Defense Department spending authorization bill, to be considered by the Senate next week, would compel Carter to lift the sanctions.

Supporters of the amendment believe they have the votes to win, although some senators were expected to change sides to avoid a possible veto of the bill, by Carter.

No British comment

Muzorewa reacts angrily

SALISBURY, June 8 (R) — Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa reacted angrily Friday to President Carter's decision to maintain sanctions. He told reporters: "I am deeply shocked by the decision."

"It would be hard to think of a more blatant example of political expediency and of double standards and it is astonishing that it should come from a president of the United States who claims to be a champion of human rights."

"I wonder in what way it is in the interests of the people of my country to be subjected to sanctions which deny them employment opportunities and which deny them increased educational opportunities."

"I can only hope that the will and judgement of the people of the United States will be more accurately reflected and expressed by their elected representatives in Congress."

The British government withheld immediately comment Friday. "We may be saying something later," said the Foreign Office in London.

David Owen, foreign secretary in the previous Labor government who helped engineer the controversial U.S.-British proposals on a settlement, hailed Carter's decision. "I agree with it in principle and I also think it's realistic in practice," he said.

Largest repatriation yet

Thais send back Cambodian refugees

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, June 8 (AP) — About 7,000 Cambodian refugees, most of them ethnic Chinese, were loaded onto buses Friday in what appeared to be the largest forced repatriation of Cambodian civilians yet.

One Thai officer said the group would be taken back to a "safe place" inside Cambodia. Concerned Western refugee officials, who are against forced repatriation, said they did not know where the refugees were being taken but that the group would probably be pushed back into Cambodia within a day or two.

It was part of the Thai government's tougher policy toward the influx of refugees.

The 7,000 had fled into Thailand over the past month and were kept in temporary shelters north

of this border town. Some told reporters that they had paid for exits to the Vietnamese who now dominate the country for their freedom.

The repatriation was conducted by the Thai military and there

Jeanne Moreau to be divorced

LOS ANGELES June 8 (R) — William Friedkin, director of "The French Connection," has filed for divorce from French actress Jeanne Moreau, his wife of little more than a year. Under Californian law, the reason for wanting a divorce does not have to be stated in the legal papers. Miss Moreau, 50, was previously married to French actor Jean-Louis Richard.



MEETING: Mrs. Thatcher is greeted by French Prime Minister Raymond Barre earlier this week on her arrival in France for an official visit, her first time outside Britain since becoming prime minister. At right is Lord Carrington, the foreign secretary.

But civilian rule delayed

Ghana regime will hold election

ACCRA, June 8 (R) — Ghana's new military government said Friday that general elections will be held as scheduled on June 18 but that handover to civilian rule will be delayed by at least three months, the Ghana News Agency reported.

The decisions were announced at a meeting in Accra between members of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council and leaders of political parties and independent candidates.

General Fred Akuffo, the previous military ruler deposed by a group of low-ranking military personnel on Monday, had pledged to reinstate civilian government on July 1 for the first time since 1972.

The announcement repeated the new regime's pledge to hold the elections, but it said the Revolutionary Council would consider the date for the transfer of government to civilians as it needed at least three months to complete its clean-up of the armed forces.

Accra Radio reported that Captain Boakye Djan, spokesman for the revolutionary council, said that on Tuesday political leaders were told the involvement of the armed forces in the country's administration had created problems which threatened the very existence of the forces.

The council would need not less than three months for its internal cleansing exercise.

The broadcast said seven of the party leaders felt on Thursday the elections should be held as scheduled and four considered the house cleaning operation should be completed first.

The whereabouts of Akuffo remained a mystery. Thursday the revolutionary government ordered him and 14 other senior members of the previous regime to report to the Accra Air Force

Station by 1800 local time Friday or face the consequences.

Accra Radio said Friday that an eleventh member has been appointed to the revolutionary council, Lance Corporal Peter Tasiri Azumgbo.

The new regime headed by Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, a youthful radical, has retained several civilian commissioners, or ministers, of the Akuffo administration.

By pollution

Taj Mahal stone damaged

NEW DELHI, June 8 (AP) — The Taj Mahal, which environmentalists fear is threatened by an oil refinery being built nearby, has already developed a condition known as "stone cancer" owing to local pollution.

The United News of India reported from Agra Thursday, quoting sources in India's official Archeological Survey, the monument's white marble has begun flaking and discoloring owing to effluents thrown into the air by Agra's electric generating plant and 250 iron foundries.

The survey is responsible for protecting India's historic monuments.

Sulphur dioxide emitted by industrial units becomes sulphuric acid and corrodes marble when soaked with rain, causing the

stone to flake. An Indian scientist has called the chemical reaction "stone cancer."

"Recent monitoring and analysis of the marble by the survey's chemists have revealed discoloration, formation of gypsum on the surface and flaking and blackening of the fractured areas," UNI said.

Earlier this week, four Indian environmentalists appealed to the government to shift the \$250 million Mathura oil refinery claiming that pollution from the unit would aggravate the damage already done to the Taj, 40 kilometers downwind.

No estimates have been made public of the cost of moving all or only the most polluting parts of the refinery, as a parliamentary committee suggested last month.

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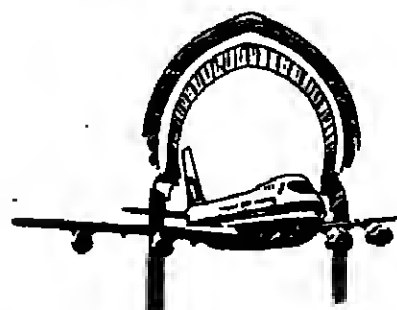
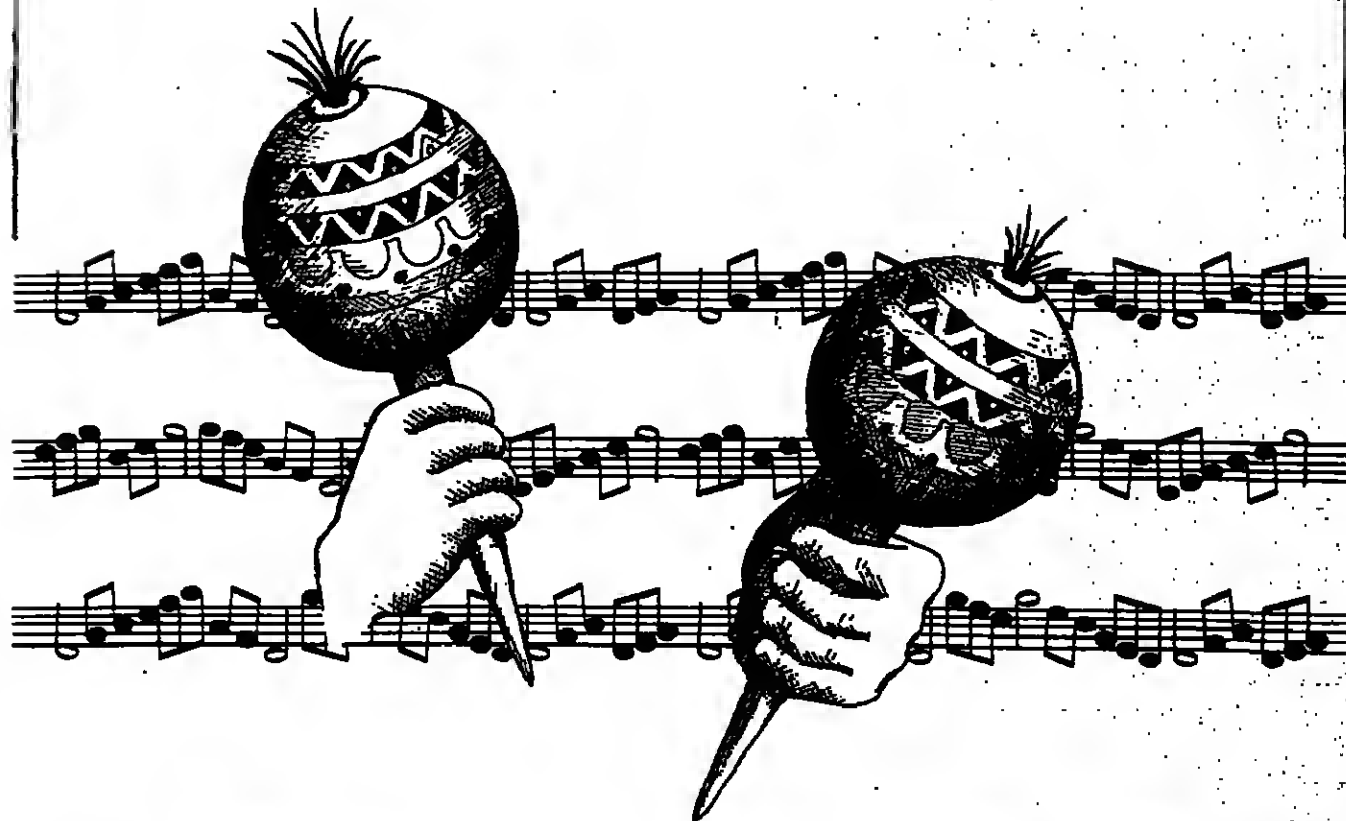
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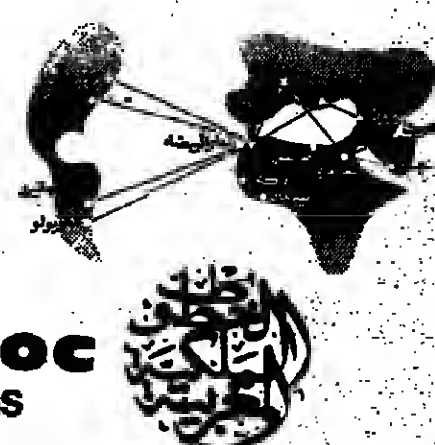
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World's airlines aghast at U.S. 'hysteria' over DC-10 accident

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP) — Faced with increasing pressure from airlines and the world, and at least one suit of litigation, U.S. aviation authorities have again defied the decision to ground DC-10s.

After a day of bitter attacks on airlines which claimed the FAA had over-reacted to the accident, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said it might ground DC-10s but would not do so purely for safety reasons.

The FAA referred to Wednesday's statement by FAA chief Doreen Boud that "My conscience says I don't think I should have taken any other action."

The FAA indefinitely grounded U.S.-built airlines on Wednesday after the discovery of faults in planes checked as a result of the DC-10 crash in Chicago 12 days ago which cost 275 lives.

The grounding order was modified Friday to allow 10s to make test flights and to fly to factories for maintenance.

In London Friday British Caledonian threatened to sue the FAA if it did not come up with a satisfactory explanation for its decision to ground the DC-10s. The airline said it was consulting other European operators to consider joint moves.

Air New Zealand Friday accused the FAA of over-reacting and West Germany's Lufthansa said it guaranteed the safety of the engine mountings on its DC-10s despite the FAA's "hysterical" ban.

Britain's Sir Freddie Laker, a rags-to-riches millionaire whose DC-10 "Skytrain" service pioneered cheap transatlantic travel, is losing \$700,000 a day.

With the U.S. fleet of DC-10s grounded indefinitely, investigators are studying the plane's design in hopes of learning why an engine fell off one in Chicago and why cracks have appeared in engine mounting pylons of others.

FAA inspectors concentrated their efforts at the McDonnell Douglas Corp. plant in Long Beach, California, where the DC-10 is manufactured. They are studying closely the documents

used in the process that led to certification of the DC-10 in 1971. Bond said the FAA wants to learn if a design defect might have slipped through the process.

Meanwhile, National Transportation Safety Board specialists also worked on the investigation in Long Beach, Washington, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in Texas.

"We're trying to find out what happened, what is causing the cracks in the engine mounts, was something overlooked in the certification process, is there a basic flaw in the system?" said Fred Farrar, of the FAA. "It's an arduous work."

In Washington Thursday, U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. extended from June 11 to June 15 his order that U.S.-registered DC-10s be grounded until the cause of the Chicago crash is found and corrected.

The planes cannot fly while the restraining order is in effect, regardless of FAA action. The Airline Passengers Association, a consumer organization, filed the original suit to ground the planes.



Helmut Schmidt

Schmidt warns Harvard class of 1980s unrest

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Warning that the 1980s will be a decade of unrest, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Friday urged the United States to approve the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union or face a fierce nuclear arms race.

In a speech at Harvard University, Schmidt also declared that the unification of Germany could only come after a long period of peace.

In his speech accepting an honorary Harvard degree, Schmidt gave a major boost to President Carter's efforts to convince the Senate to accept without modification the new SALT treaty.

"No people in Europe would be more seriously affected by the consequences of the failure of SALT II than the German people," the chancellor said.

He told Harvard's graduating students they must expect the 1980s to be a decade of unrest.

Carter okays massive mobile missile plan

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP) — President Carter has approved development of a huge new mobile missile system designed to foil any Soviet surprise attack on the U.S. land-based striking force in the 1980s and beyond, administration officials said Thursday night.

The plan calls for mounting 200 missiles, each with 10 powerful nuclear warheads, on some form of rail system that would shuttle them among some 8,000 to 9,000 "hardened" launch shelters to protect them from destruction in a preemptive strike.

The sources, who declined to be identified, indicated that Carter was not prepared to announce the specific basing plan until he had discussed the proposed location in the Far Western United States with officials of four states involved.

Although other options were technically in the running, the sources said, the consensus favored a mobile system on land.

The new system, which would

Could cost over \$ 30 billion

be permitted under the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, would be fully operational in 1989.

Full-scale development would start this summer, the officials said.

Carter already has asked for a total of more than \$900 million to accelerate development this year and in the fiscal 1980 budget.

The entire system would cost an estimated \$30 billion or more and

would involve wide areas of U.S. government-owned land in four Western states: New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

The missiles would be shuttled along 30-kilometer trenches which would be either open or which could be opened periodically so the Russians could verify that the United States was complying with the SALT II agreement.

The Carter administration has

twice delayed development of the system while technical, cost, environmental and other considerations were studied and a variety of options considered.

This would be the first new U.S. land-based intercontinental missile in more than 10 years.

It is intended to ease the problem of increasing vulnerability of 1,000 U.S. Minuteman missiles in fixed launch silos to more accurate Soviet warheads.

Decision may shorten trial

Thorpe refuses to take witness stand

LONDON, June 8 (AP) — Former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe will not testify in his own defense on charges of conspiracy to murder a one-time male model, Thorpe's attorney declared Thursday.

The surprise move was announced in the closing minutes of the defense's opening remarks on the 21st day in the trial of Thorpe, 50, and three co-defendants at Old Bailey.

This would probably shorten the trial, which had been expected to take three months.

Only one of the four defendants, George Deakin, testified in his own defense. He said Thursday he knew of no plot to kill Norman Scott, a 39-year-old former male model who claimed he had information that could harm Thorpe's career.

The prosecution claims Thorpe and his co-defendants conspired to kill Scott to avoid a scandal.

The defense move was apparently designed to take advantage of the seeming unreliability of prosecution witnesses, particularly after the star witness, former

Liberal member of Parliament Peter Bessell, admitted that he was a liar and a hypocrite.

Thorpe and the three other defendants — former deputy Liberal Party treasurer David Holmes, businessman John le Mesurier and club-owner Deakin — have pleaded innocent to charges of conspiracy to murder Scott. Thorpe has denied a separate charge of inciting others to kill Scott.

The trial is the most sensational involving a British political leader since the scandal that rocked the Conservative government of Prime Minister Harold MacMillan a decade ago when a member of his cabinet, War Minister John Profumo, admitted a relationship with a call girl linked to a Soviet agent.

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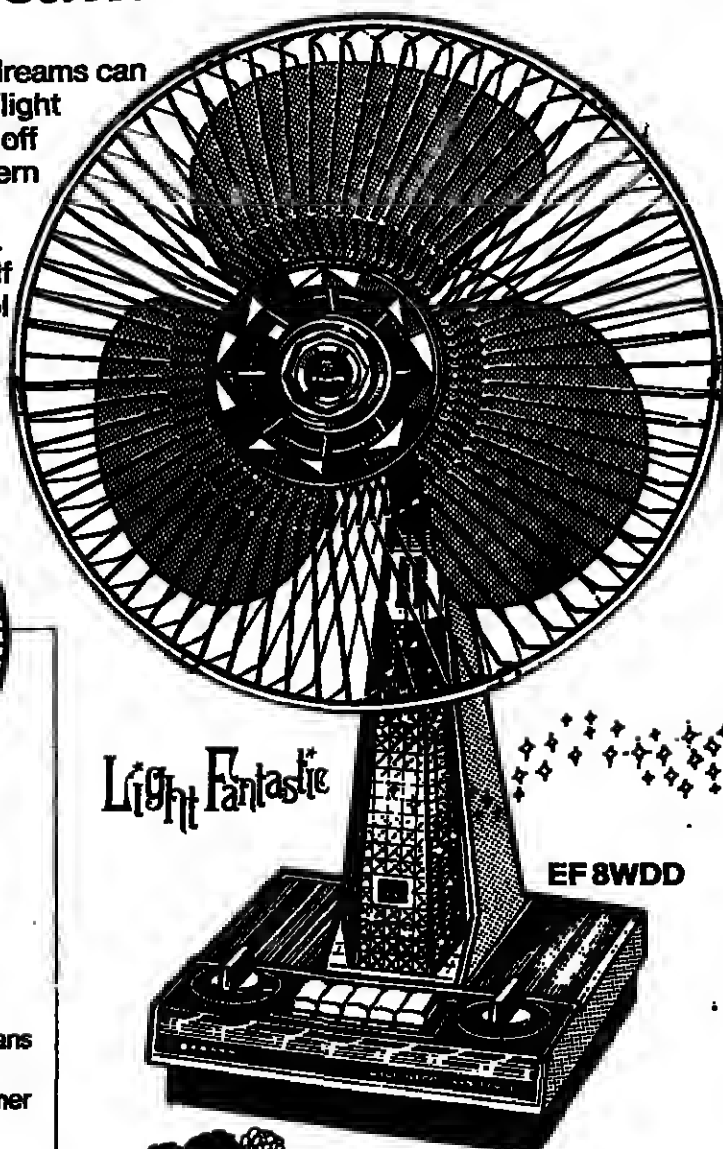
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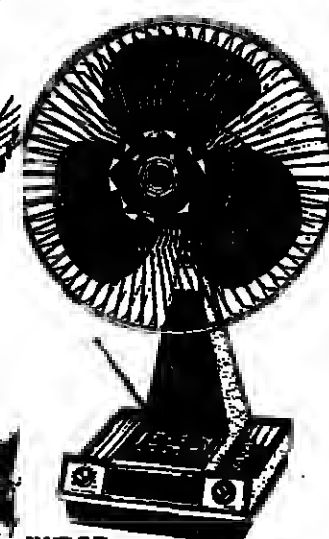
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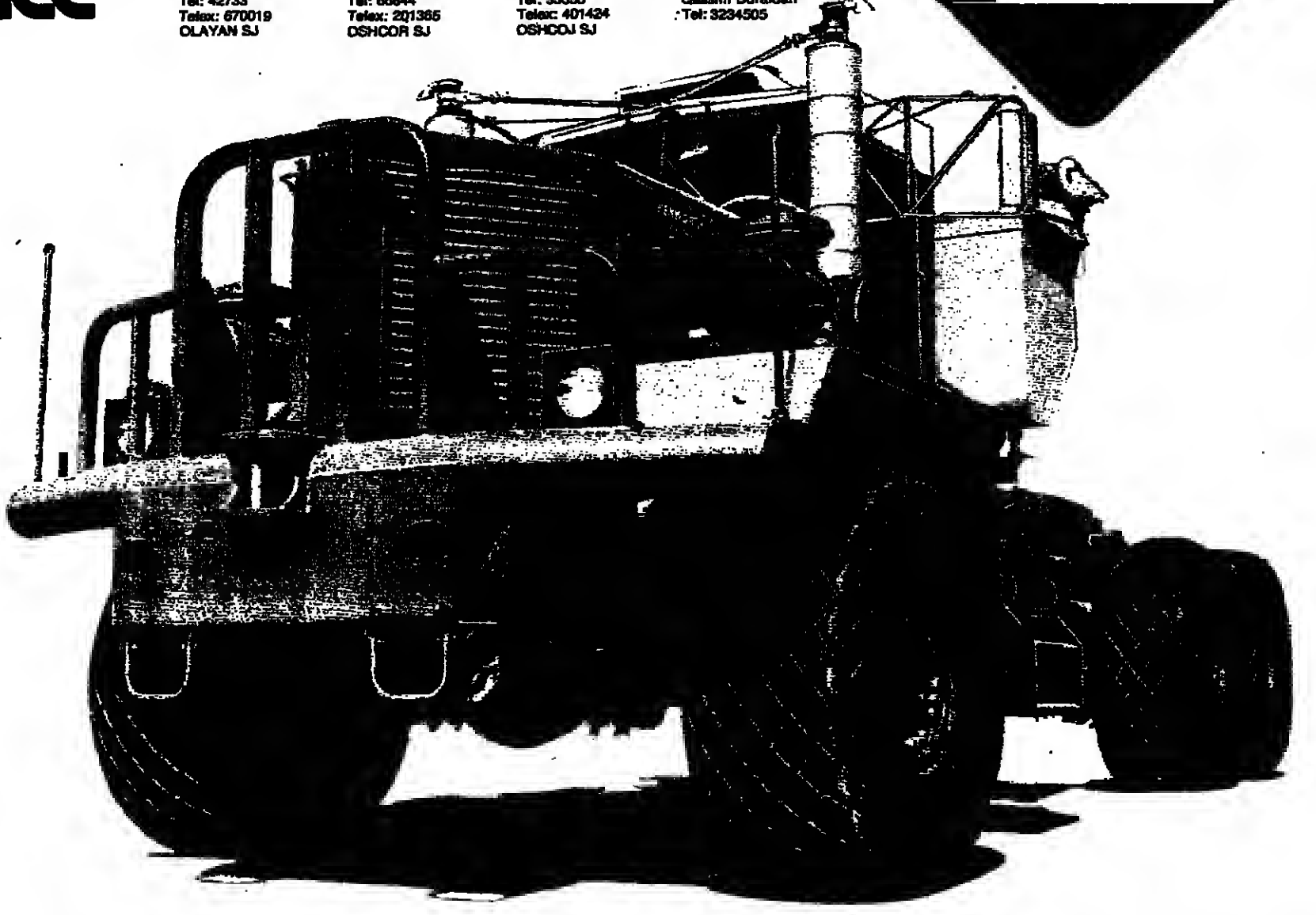
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Under siege

By Cynthia Stevens

JOHANNESBURG —

Security guards and short-tempered dogs are becoming almost as common as hooked drives and slices on white golf courses in Johannesburg.

Four years after the bloody Soweto riots, whites live as if they're under siege. At home, guards, burglar alarms, dogs and guns protect their walled mini-estates.

On the streets they carry protective devices that range from a plastic revolver that shoots an aerosol spray to temporarily blind someone and dye his skin bright pink, to a folded umbrella disguising a 2,000-volt rod that can knock an attacker unconscious.

"Fear is good business in South Africa," said law professor John Dugard about the multitude of security enterprises that flourish here. "You can't lose."

Whites were jolted to a panic by the 1976 black student rebellion against the white-dominated system. Although the rioting was kept away from their pretty suburbs, whites were reminded that they are outnumbered five to one by non-whites. They haven't forgotten.

The political realities are aggravated by a high crime rate that stems from nationwide unemployment and underemployment estimated at 20 per cent among the nonwhite population.

"It's a labor problem," said one security company owner. "There are a lot of fellows walking the streets who tend to also walk into a house and steal something."

For some whites, the only answer is a gun. "If the blacks break in, there's only one thing to do. Shoot 'em," said a salesman at a gunshop.

That's also the advice given to burglary victims by police.

One white resident whose home was broken into three times in a week, said the three police units that investigated said "get yourself a gun and make sure it's enough to kill."

In fact, almost 750,000 licensed gun owners have almost 1.4 million firearms. Many of the women learn how to shoot and carry weapons in ankle holsters under flared slacks, in a jacket pocket, or tucked into the waistband.

The wife of a foreign diplomat here amused her dinner party guests with a story about the two black men who tried unsuccessfully to burglarize the house by breaking a barred window with a brick when the front door was unlocked.

"Of course, now my husband has taught me how to use his shotgun for the next time," she added.

The "next time" for Tina Hartman of Durban ended in her husband's death when she mistook him for an intruder and shot him in the chest with a .38 caliber revolver.

"South Africa is a violent society," a police officer said. But he added there is an "over reaction" based on the 4.4 million minority's "racial fear" of the 22 million non-whites.

At the same time, Johannesburg police report a "marked increase" in armed robberies by whites in the last two years, while national figures show that only 3 per cent of murders

"AND NOW, IN THIS HAT —"



Estimating Soviet firepower

By Walter Pincus

The U.S. intelligence community has substantially downgraded the explosive power of the Soviet Union's largest land-based ICBM, the giant SS-18.

Latest intelligence estimates on the weapon, included in the classified portion of Defense Secretary Harold Brown's 1980 posture statement, put the destructive force of each of eight or ten warheads carried by the SS-18 at about 600 kilotons, equal to 600,000 tons of TNT. Previously each warhead was carried at about 1.2 megatons — 1.2 million tons of TNT.

This sharp reassessment of the SS-18's yield could play a major role in the upcoming Senate debate on the U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II), according to sources on Capitol Hill.

It will bear particularly on the debate over deployment of the MX mobile missile on which President Carter is soon to make a production decision.

The new yield estimate suggests that the SS-18 warhead is comparable to the newest generation of American warheads, the Mark 12-A, which is soon to be installed on the U.S. arsenal of 300 land-based Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles. The U.S. warhead carries an explosive power of 375 kilotons and is more accurate than the Soviet SS-18.

The Mark 12-A is now programmed to be fitted on the MX mobile missile which will carry 10 warheads of 375 kilotons each. This means that the warheads carried on the most advanced strategic weapons of both countries will have comparable destructive power, the accuracy of the U.S. missile making up for its lower kiloton range.

Another significant revision in the new estimates was a lowering in the estimated yield of the Soviet Union's second largest missile, the SS-19. Its six warheads are now rated at yields of 550 kilotons each instead of the previously estimated 800 kilotons.

All three systems — the SS-18, SS-19 and MX — will be able to knock out an opponent's ICBM, even in a cement-hardened silo.

Congressional and executive agency sources familiar with the revised intelligence estimates don't agree on the overall meaning of the lower SS-18 yield.

A common view, however, is that it illustrates the weakness — "uncertainties," as one source put it — of making estimates on Soviet weapons perfor-

mance that cannot be directly verified.

The Soviet warhead yield, sources said, is deduced from intercepted electronic test data that gives the weight of missile and warhead carrier.

Using that weight estimate, the intelligence analysts guessed the magnitude of the explosive package in the warheads. Then they estimated the site of the nuclear explosion the Soviets could obtain from the package.

Over a history of more than 20 tests of the SS-18 missiles carrying eight or ten warheads, the analysis have successively lowered their estimate of the warhead yield from three megatons, to two, to last year's 1.2 and finally the present roughly 600 kilotons.

The sharp change from last year came from a review of past data rather than receipt of any new data from recent Soviet testing.

"Understanding comes gradually," an intelligence source said recently, "and uncertainties hang on for a long time."

Partisans in the SALT debate who were aware of the changed SS-18 yield were quick to show how their side of the strategic debate will be helped.

Pro-treaty sources said it indicated more "moderation" on the part of the Soviets and a hint that they are not rushing quite as quickly for a "first strike" capability as SALT opponents have charged. A Soviet "first strike" would be an attack to destroy the U.S. land-based ICBMs in their hardened silos.

Anti-SALT sources said that the lowered yield would not "change any view about Soviet intentions" and that the "critical factor was accuracy." In that area, a congressional opponent of the treaty said, the new estimates gave the SS-18 a better accuracy that more than made up for the sharp cut in yield.

Another anti-treaty source, upon learning of the new estimates, shifted from the argument that bigger Soviet megatonnage yields tilted the strategic balance in their favor. This source contended that new estimates of lower yield meant less danger of the Soviets "blinding" their own missiles with the bigger blasts of higher-megaton weapons.

A pro-SALT government official said the lower yield now projected for the SS-18 should have "no effect at all" on the debate.

"We have always said their advantage in megatonnage overall makes no difference," he said. "The fact that we now say it is less than before still does not make a difference." — (WP)

Iran scrapping major projects

By William Branigan

TEHRAN —

After canceling nearly all the Shah's arms deals with the United States and other foreign countries, Iran is now on the verge of scrapping at least \$34 billion worth of major civilian projects — including four nuclear power stations — that are already under way or on the drawing board.

In the latest move to dismantle the deposed monarch's grandiose development plans and turn the country's economic priorities around, the new head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran has called for the cancellation of two nuclear power plants that are more than three-quarters complete near Bushehr on the Gulf.

Though the government has not yet officially terminated the contracts, the statement by Fereidun Sahabi appears to doom prospects that construction work on the plants will resume. The work ground to a halt during the revolutionary turmoil last winter when hundreds of foreign engineers left the country.

The two 1,200-megawatt units were being built by West Germany's Kraftwerk Union under a 1976 contract. They were to have been the first of some 20 nuclear power stations to be installed in Iran by 1994.

The rest of the program, including two French plants under construction at a site on the Karun River in southwestern Iran, has already been scrubbed.

So have other multibillion-dollar projects ranging from an entire "city center" in Tehran, a new Tehran airport and a steel mill near Isfahan — all in various stages of planning or site preparation. Other major projects on which construction already had begun are still technically "under study" by the provisional revolutionary government, but several of them are now considered dead.

These include a \$3 billion gas pipeline from the Gulf to the Soviet Union, a \$2.4 billion six-lane highway from Tehran to the Gulf port of Bandar-shahpour and a \$1.3 billion subway system for the capital.

Iran has already spent several billion dollars on these and other projects likely to be written off and stands to see huge investments come to nothing. To push them through, however, would entail even greater spending, the return of legions of foreign experts and renewed emphasis on big remote projects — all politically unacceptable under the new government.

While dismantling Iran's nuclear power plant program, the authorities will have to decide what to do with some of the Shah's other atomic energy investments aimed at guaranteeing fuel supplies for Iranian reactors. Iran has purchased about 28,000 tons of uranium that it now cannot use.

One aspect of the Shah's nuclear program that officials intend to pursue, however, is exploration for uranium in Iran.

"Uranium is one of the resources we have to evaluate," said Mansour Ruhl, executive of the Iranian Atomic Agency. "If we don't use it ourselves, we can always market it abroad."

Two years ago Iran launched a \$300 million, 10-year exploration program using aerial surveys with sophisticated detection equipment. A French, Australian and West German consortium was awarded the contract.

With a few major exceptions, the new regime seems determined to finish non-nuclear projects on which massive amounts of money have already been spent and whose construction is well along. Most of these projects are for conventional power plants, roads, railways, or port facilities, and the contracts are generally smaller.

The biggest project on this list is the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. complex at Bandar-shahpour on the Gulf. Despite cost runups, it has been given the go-ahead by Ayatollah Khomeini largely because it is 85 per cent complete.

Critics complain that while it was originally supposed to cost \$1.8 billion, the complex will probably end up costing 3.2 billion before it is finished.

Another large project facing much the same problem with its eventual production is the Sarcheshmeh copper mining and processing complex in southeastern Iran.

In the final stages of construction by a consortium that includes Anaconda and Parsons-Jurden of the United States, the project stopped during the revolution as did most others, and it is expected to exceed its \$1.6 billion price tag at completion.

A \$400 million housing project, in which Starrett Corp. of the United States was building 15,000 apartment units west of Tehran in partnership with French and Israeli firms, is likely to be completed with new contractors, government sources said.

Construction of a steel mill with capacity of \$2.5 million tons per year is to go ahead with the same contractors, which include Kaiser and Swindell Dressler of the United States.

In addition to the four nuclear power stations, major projects suspended and facing cancellation include:

— A \$2.4 billion highway from Tehran to Bandar-shahpour, sections of which have been awarded to Idaho's Morrison-Knudsen and a French firm.

— A \$1.2 billion airport 25 miles south of Tehran designed by the New York architectural firm, Tams.

— A \$1.4 billion electrified railway from Tehran to Tabriz designed by Britain's Transmark.

— A \$2.6 billion "Shahrestan Pahlavi" Tehran city center planned by Britain's Llewellyn-Davies.

— A \$1 billion-plus telecommunications project awarded to American Bell International.

— A one million ton per year steel mill near Isfahan contracted to British Steel Corp. and worth \$1.1 billion.

— The \$3 billion Igat 2 pipeline to deliver natural gas to the Soviet Union. (WP)

Strauss splits opposition

By Robin Smyth

BONN —

Bavaria's right-wing leader, Franz Josef Strauss, is clinging to his determination to command the German opposition in next year's general election in order to spite the decision of most of his allies to line up behind a more moderate champion.

Faced with Strauss's announcement that he wants to be the opposition contender for the chancellorship, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) last week announced its support of Ernst Albrecht, the prime minister of Lower Saxony. The CDU's smaller sister-party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), operates only in Bavaria.

Enthusiastically committed to Strauss's more right-wing image, the CSU has now announced that it will continue to back its hero.

The north-south rift among the conservative opposition, so often exploited by Strauss in the past, has never been so pronounced. CSU leaders are beginning to talk of the regrettable possibility of having to fall back on fielding two opposition commanders in the 1980 struggle to oust Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition of Social Democrats and Free Democrats.

In theory, running Albrecht in the north and Strauss in Bavaria might be an appealing formula for both liberal and conservative voters. But this is to reckon without the ridicule that would be directed by the government parties against this unprecedented failure of an alternative government to unite behind a single leader with a clear program.

At the moment the CSU is using the threat of a schism as a bargaining counter. But Strauss has spent his whole career being turned back before the attack on the summit of German power. This time he is too old at 63 to wait any longer. As the most experienced campaigner in the opposition camp and the only with an international reputation, he is convinced he is the natural opponent of Helmut Schmidt. And inside the CDU he has strong minority support which he hopes will come out into the

open at a later stage in the bargaining between the two opposition parties.

The son of a Bavarian butcher, Strauss delights his admirers by his earthy eloquence and his warnings of left-wing enemies undermining the foundation of the German society. No West German politician is the subject of a more intense cult or is more widely feared. Social Democrats welcome Strauss as an enemy. They feel that, as in the past, Schmidt will have little difficulty in branding Strauss as a dangerous ultra, an unstable element to throw into the delicate balance between East and West in Central Europe.

But the CSU argues that Strauss's charm and popular appeal have never been seen at work in a contest for national leadership. It points out, too, that 48-year-old Ernst Albrecht has virtually no experience outside provincial politics. Schmidt's impact on him could be devastating.

The Strauss crisis landed on the CDU on the happiest day of the year. It was after Strauss's ally, Dr. Karl Carstens, won his election to the presidency that the Bavarian leader lobbied for support among CDU politicians at the victory reception. Strauss, who was elected prime minister of Bavaria last year, has lately been denying any immediate ambitions for higher office. Now he says blandly that a few developments have caused him to change his mind.

One of these developments is certainly the election of Carstens, which gives Strauss hope that a swing towards conservatism is at last possible. A long-term trend which has strengthened Strauss's position is the decline of his enemy, Helmut Kohl, the leader of the opposition alliance. After taking the Christian Democrats close to victory in the 1976 general election, Kohl's leadership has been without conviction and style. Increasingly isolated in past months, he finally decided to pull out of the leadership race. Seeing that he was about to tip Albrecht as his heir, Strauss quickly threw his own hat into the ring. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

"Ezer Weizman's statements that Israel would reoccupy the whole of Sinai again if there should be a change of regime in Egypt is a flagrant interference in the affairs of an independent and sovereign state," said "Al-Jasrah." "But the Israeli minister could not have said what he did without the evil peace treaty that Egypt had signed with his government. Israel is more passionately concerned with the land than with peace despite the advantage that it gained from the treaty. But Israel will go on using it for its own ends including the total isolation of Egypt from the rest of the Arab world and to execute the so-called self-rule plan in the West Bank and Gaza so that Israeli occupation and colonialism may be complete and official.

So far only strong Arab reaction and Palestinian resistance to the specious plan gives unbridled Israel's designs. In the end Israel will find that it has only two options: recognizing the rights of the Palestinians — and this may mean its demise, or it may choose to go to war. This time it will discover that its adversaries are better armed and will not only defeat it but will also paralyze any other superpower that may try to support it in a fateful war. This paralysis will come through economic sanctions of which oil will be the primary weapon."

In another commentary "Al-Jasrah" said that the French energy conservation plan seems to be the most plausible and fits in with the oil producers' ideas.

The paper said that President Carter's program to subsidize American production is "extremely embarrassing and hard to explain" as far as other industrialized countries are concerned.

Instead of regulating consumption the plan gives unbridled liberty to the Americans to go on with their waste of energy.

"Thus the French proposal deserves considerations as it includes ways of opposing speculation and spot market sales controlling consumption and exploring sources of alternative energy. This tallies with OPEC's aims at a time when the producers are watching their oil being sold at nearly double the prices they receive for it.

"In any case," the paper said, "the French plan has revealed to the world that the oil crisis is not of OPEC's making but that of consuming states. We hope that the American government will be able to see the wisdom of the French plan and curtail its gluttony for oil."

"The Gulf region is undoubtedly the spinal cord of the international economy due to its oil wealth which makes it the largest single source of energy for the developing world and the industrialized states as well," according to "Al-Medina."

"Because of this wealth and importance, the region calls for greater understanding, cooperation and coordination among its states. This is being done by Saudi Arabia with the cooperation of other states through constant contacts and consultations with each other as part of the Kingdom's policy to maintain contacts with all Arab, Islamic and friendly states to achieve its noble objectives."

"The American government appears to be going through a period of agonizing reappraisal of its policy in the Middle East because it has come to the conclusion that it cannot continue to depend on Egypt and Israel entirely for the conduct of its policy," according to "Al-Bilad."

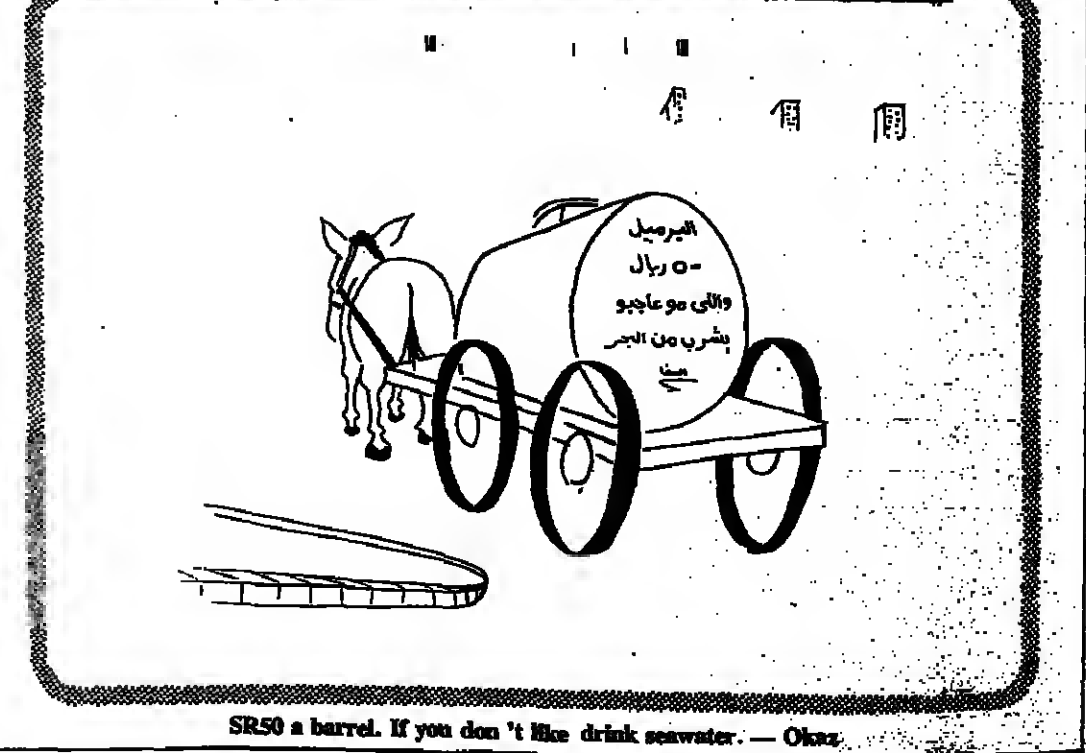
"Iranian relations with the U.S. are at the lowest ebb since the overthrow of the Shah to the extent that Tehran rejected the American nominee for ambassador.

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the peace treaty threatens it with slow death as one American has put it. Israeli attacks and continued defiance of American guidelines in the region threaten the peace and stability of the whole area. Observers do not expect any dramatic changes in American policy, not with the approaching presidential elections and the president's wooing of the Jewish lobby in the country.

"Nevertheless, the administration may present a few recommendations to define the final position with regard to Jerusalem, talks with the Palestinians, expanding talks in the area with a view to expanding the limits of the proposed peaceful settlement.

"As for Iran, observers believe that such strained relations could lead to greater risks to American interests. Consequently Washington might seek France's good offices to improve relations with Tehran."



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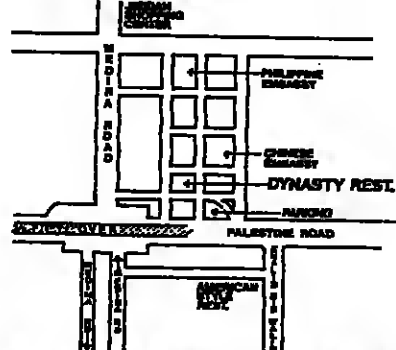
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"Travellers Guide to the Middle East," edited by Richard Syng. I.C. Magazines, London, 1978. Price: 4.95 pounds sterling.

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — How useful would this guide be to a businessman visiting Saudi Arabia in a hurry? Examination reveals no maps of Jeddah and Riyadh; several of the more recently-built hotels are not mentioned at all; and nothing is said about the special arrangements to be followed in obtaining exit from the country.

Basic information about Kingdom is accurate, though somewhat brief. Comments on Jeddah's traffic are rather subjective (experiences in Cairo, Damascus and even Paris can be more nerve-racking). There are more restaurants, too, than the editors suggest. They accept their limitations, however, and ask readers to forward on more up-to-date information.

Each of the 24 Middle Eastern countries is introduced with a full-page uncluttered map showing the main towns, roads and airports, with a distance scale. Scale alternate between miles and kilometers, however, which could prove misleading and standardization is recommended for subsequent editions. There are also maps of some of the capital cities.

The various contributors adopt different approaches in their presentation of the countries. Essentially, though, the material for each is divided into a brief introduction, followed by sections on the land and people, history, culture, the economy and a summary of statistical information. This is supported by details of how to get there, visa and customs regulations, climate, accommodation, embassies, tourist offices, restaurants — plus where to go, what to see and buy.

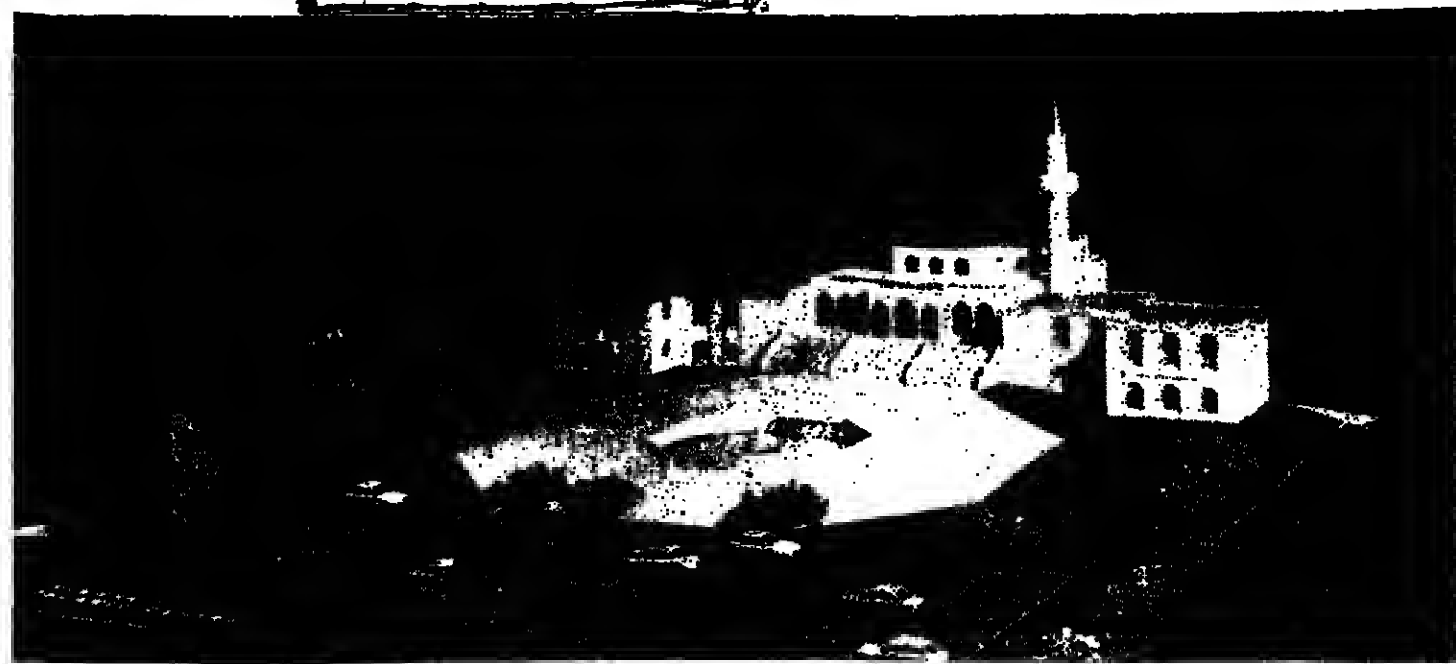
Some entries are attributed to authors and others are anonymous. The attributed writers clearly have considerable personal experience of what they are describing. The non-attributed sections are symposia produced by the editorial staff which, while competent and informative, lack the immediacy of the others.

A short but comprehensive bibliography lists most of the well-known Middle East authors, with special reading lists for the different countries.

The guide points out that entry to some of these interesting countries as far as foreigners are concerned is restricted to those who have employment or business there. It is with the countries that are open to tourists that the guide comes into its own.

For these, information was clearly much more accessible. The section on Morocco, for example, is very useful.

"Travellers Guide to the Middle East" is a neatly arranged and well-illustrated 354 pages of information on the region, put together by International Communications, who publish "The Middle East" and "Arab Business" from London.



Model of the new mosque, donated by Saudi Arabia

Vienna's mosque by the Danube

VIENNA — Saudi Arabia's gift of a mosque to the 30,000 Muslims who live in Austria's capital is nearing completion, and from September the voice of the muezzin will be heard across the river Danube calling the followers of Islam to prayer.

It is more than 10 years since plans were made for an Islamic center in Vienna. The site, on the banks of the Danube, was bought in 1968 and the mosque's foundation stone laid in the same year. The minaret was completed 19 months ago.

Altogether, Austria has some

50,000 Muslims. The Islamic center was planned and set into operation by Sheikh Farid Basrawi, until recently Saudi Arabia's ambassador in Vienna. The Kingdom awarded the construction contract to the Viennese firm of Richard Lugner. Section of the mosque, such as the fountain, carpets, pulpits and windows are being donated by other Muslim states.

The result is a major complex — the main mosque with a prayer section and women's gallery, a separate hall for social and cul-

tural events, a library, a smaller mosque for everyday use, a Koranic school and quarters for the Imam.

Designed in Turkish-Ottoman style, the mosque's copper-clad dome rises 16.5 meters above the main building. Inside, the floors and walls are tiled, and decorated with abstract designs and Arabic script.

The complex has been arranged on an axis pointing precisely in the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca, as determined by experts at Vienna's Central Institute of Meteorology and Geodynamics,

and the Federal Institute of Weights, Measures and Surveys.

When complete, the mosque — with its large forecourt and central fountain — will make a dramatic addition to the many beautiful landmarks of Vienna. Indeed, a planned motorway along the bank of the Danube has been dropped by approximately one meter to give a clear view of the building from the river's west bank. There are also intentions to build a bridge over the proposed motorway near to the mosque, to facilitate access to it.

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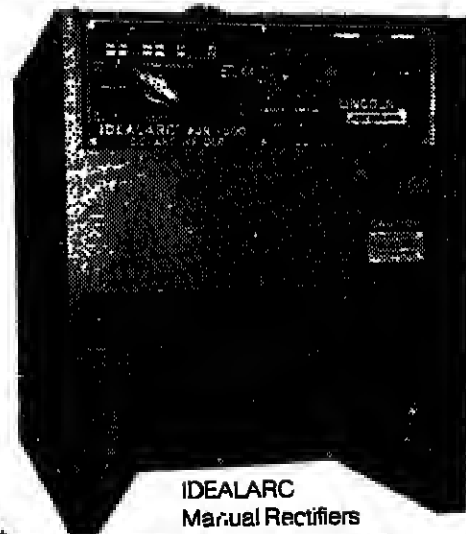
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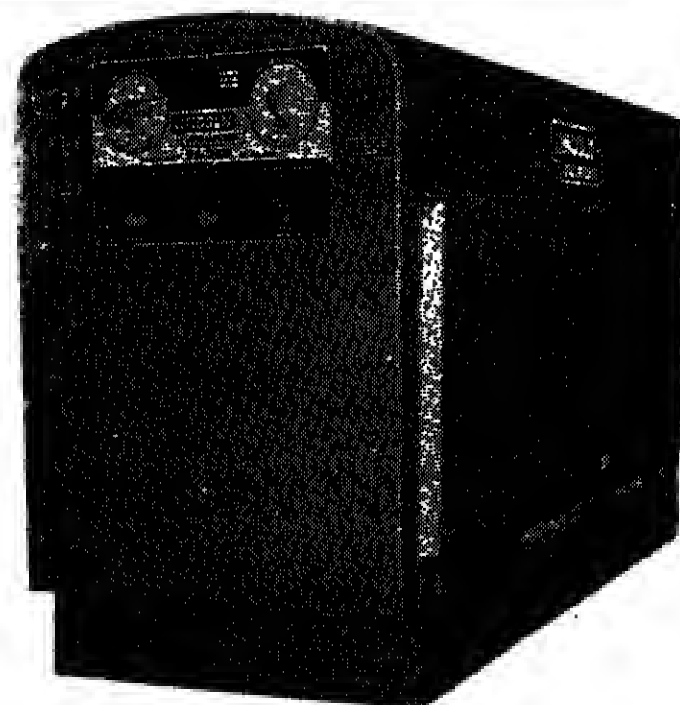
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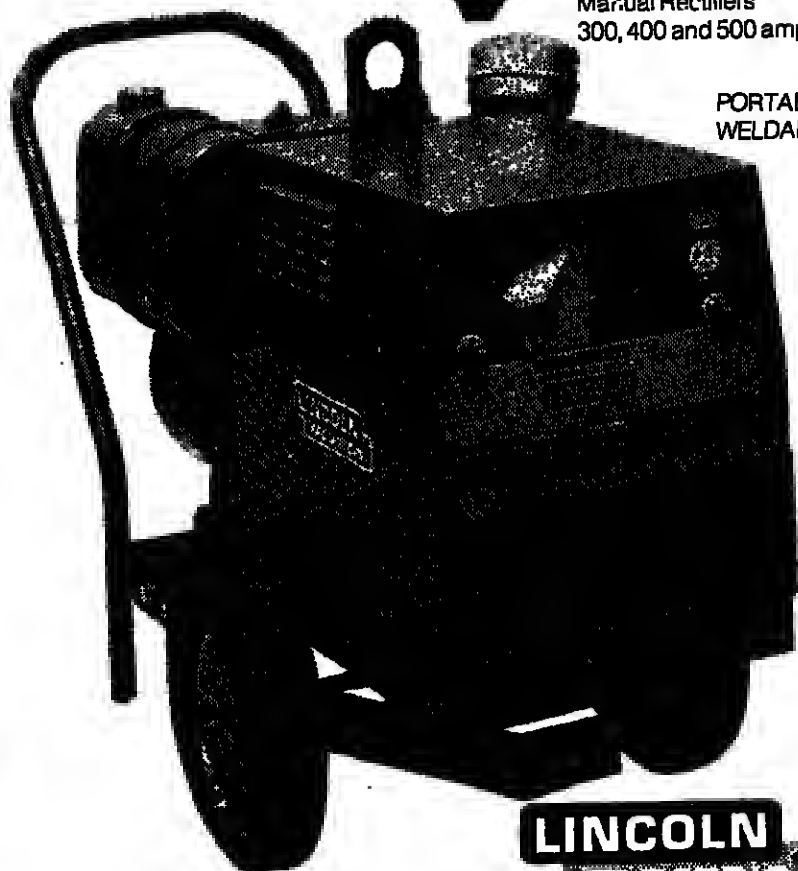
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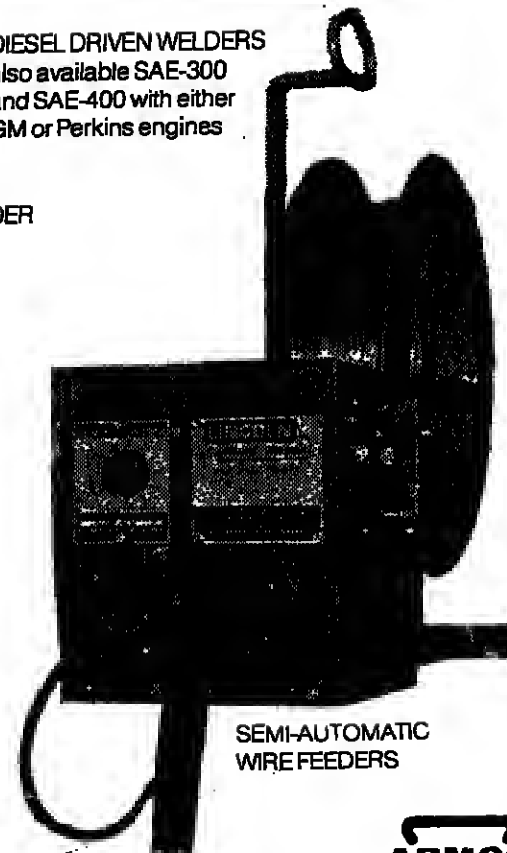
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Spray of death comes to the forest

By George W. Schuyler

SUSSEX, New Brunswick — World War II Grumman Avenger airplanes again roared into the air last month from small airstrips throughout the Canadian province of New Brunswick. Their targets were not Japanese ships or airfields in the South Pacific but the spruce budworm, a small caterpillar whose favorite food is the foliage of balsam fir trees.

Each plane carried nearly 7,000 pounds of Matabac, an insecticide that is mixed with a poisonous solvent in diesel oil. The planes crisscrossed vast areas of forest land, releasing about a million gallons of these highly toxic chemicals on the enemy. They attacked just after dawn to minimize drift, but at best only half the spray landed on the target area — even the slightest wind tends to blow the remainder over farms, towns and people many miles away.

New Brunswick's chemical warfare is dangerous — over 40 crashes and accidental spills have occurred during the past four years and five spray-plane pilots have died in a decade. The threat to non-combatants is even more ominous. Since 1972, there have been 11 deaths among 15 reported cases of Reye's Syndrome, once a very rare children's disease that has become increasingly common in the province.

Researchers strongly suspect that the aerial sprays are responsible. New Brunswick's children are ten times more likely to contract Reye's Syndrome than their counterparts in Nova Scotia, a province that chooses not to spray.

The war may also exact a heavy toll from unborn generations of New Brunswickers. According to Dr. Donald Ecobichon of McGill University, the Environmental Protection Agency suspended the registration of Matabac in the

United States because it is a mutagen. Technical information supplied by the manufacturer, Mobay Chemical Corporation, warns that crops upon which applications of Matabac are made should not be used for human or animal food. Yet, because of drift, wildlife, farm animals and people all face the prospect of Matabac-coated meals.

Chemical weaponry is indiscriminate and often destroys friendly forces along with the enemy. In 1975, the Canadian Wildlife Service surveyed 15 areas of New Brunswick and concluded that at least 2.9 million songbirds had been killed. Wasps and spiders that prey on budworm larvae are especially susceptible. Bees are extremely sensitive to almost any kind of spray. Nonylphenol, a supposedly inert solvent in the spray formulation, is ten times more deadly to young salmon than Matabac itself.

There will be no crimes trials of those responsible for New Brunswick's chemical warfare.

Innocent victims have little recourse, because medical accountability is difficult to pin down. Aerial sprays float through the atmosphere as toxic mists that people inhale or absorb through the skin. Exposure may come through a spring shower — a recent study indicates that spray drift contaminates rainwater.

Exposed children may show no symptoms until Reye's Syndrome strikes months later. Insecticides such as Matabac may lead to liver damage, cancer or leukemia, but after a decade or more, linkage between illness and insecticide will be almost impossible to establish. No one really knows what the future holds for someone exposed to the spray.

Legal accountability is equally remote. In 1976, Abram Friesen and his family were doused with insecticide on their farm near Fredericton. They sued and the New Brunswick Supreme Court ruled that the government had no legal right to spray insecticide over private land. Shortly

thereafter, the government introduced a bill in the provincial legislature to allow private land to be sprayed without the owner's consent.

New Brunswick cannot win its chemical war — nature is too strong an opponent. Historically, outbreaks lasted six to eight years and then collapsed for several decades largely because the budworm devoured its own food supply. Spraying has kept the outbreak alive for 27 years and an infestation originally confined to 200,000 acres of forestland now covers nearly 15 million acres.

In May, 1978, the minister of natural resources outlined the government's priorities: "We have got to make a very difficult decision. I don't like to see people dying, but at the same time, knowing the forest as it is, my decision will have to be with the forest and the future of New Brunswick."

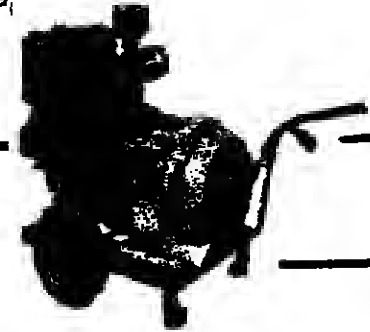
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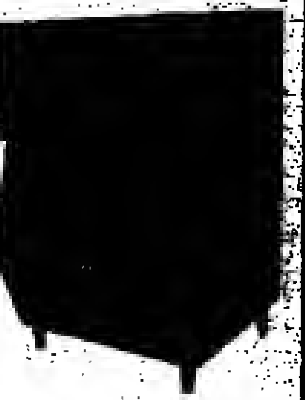
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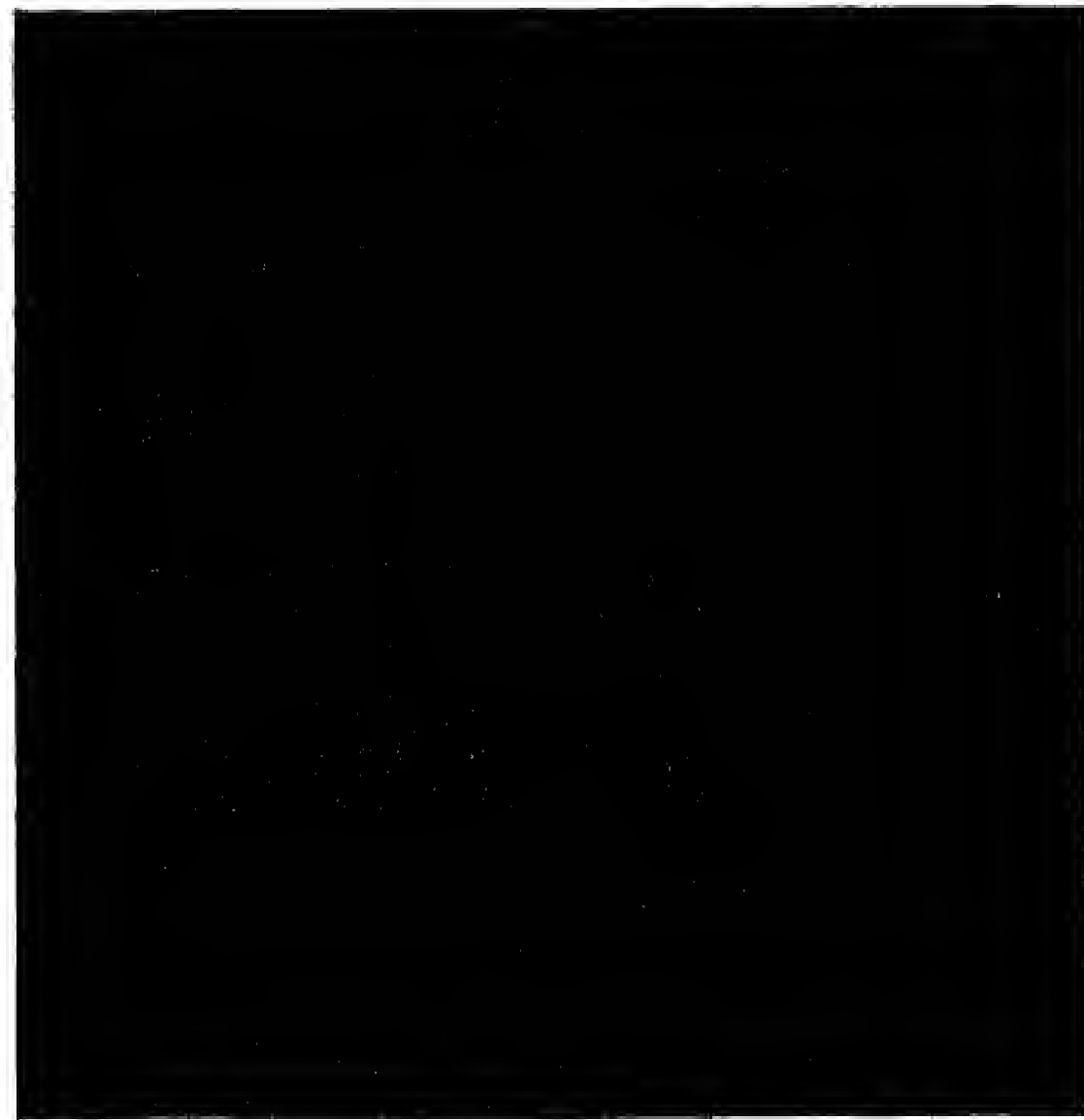
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MATE: World chess champion Anatoly Karpov and his bride, Irina, in Red Square after Wednesday's wedding. Right is ex-champion Vitali Sevastyanov, now chairman of the USSR Chess Federation.

Giants explode in 9th to crush Cards, 12-10

NEW YORK, June 8 (AP) — Mike Ivie slammed a three-run homer in the top of the ninth as the San Francisco Giants snapped a seven-game St. Louis winning streak Thursday night with a 12-10 come-from-behind victory.

San Francisco's Willie McCovey crashed a home run — the 511th of his career — and had two runs batted in, giving him a career total of 1,501. McCovey thus moves into an 11th place tie with Mel Ott on the all-time major league homer list and becomes only the seventh player in National League history to knock in 1,500 runs.

The Cardinals held a 9-7 lead going into the ninth inning when the Giants erupted to give reliever Tim Griffin, 3-4, the victory. Larry Herndon and Darrell Evans opened the inning with singles and Bill Madlock walked to load the bases.

After Herndon and Evans scored on two grounders, John Tamargo walked and Ivie belted his seventh home run of the year.

In the only other National League game played Thursday, the Chicago Cubs edged the San Diego Padres, 4-3, when Mike Vail's pinch-hit sacrifice fly scored pinch-runner Sam Mejias in the eighth inning. Fernando Gonzalez and Dave Winfield slugged home runs for the Padres.

In the American League, John Ellis drove in six runs with a pair of homers and a double and Ferguson Jenkins hurled a two-hitter as the Texas Rangers clobbered the Milwaukee Brewers, 7-1. Jenkins gave up an infield single to Cecil Cooper in the first inning and a triple to Jim Gantner leading off the Brewers' seventh.

Boston's Jim Rice slugged his 10th and 11th homers of the season to power the Red Sox to a 9-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox while Geoff Rahn, Mike Bacsik and Mike Marshall combined to scatter eight hits and pitch the Minnesota Twins to a 4-1 win over the New York Yankees.

Shriver advances in English event

BECKENHAM, England, June 8 (AP) — Pam Shriver, the hard-hitting 16-year-old American, dropped only nine games Friday trouncing her doubles partner, Betsy Nagelsen, 6-1, 6-0 to reach the semifinals of the Beckenham Grass Court Tennis Championship.

Top-seeded Evonne Cawley of Australia defeated American Kate Latham 6-2, 6-2 in her quarterfinal Friday morning.



MCCOVEY: Breaks 1,500 run barrier

Oslo triumph boosts Scots prospects

OSLO, June 8 (R) — Scotland kept alive its hopes of qualifying for next year's final stages of the European soccer championship by convincingly beating Norway, 4-0, here Thursday night.

Portugal leads qualifying Group Two, three points ahead of Scotland, but the Scots will play three of their last four matches at home against Austria, Belgium, and the Portuguese.

Meanwhile, Sweden was chalked up its first win, in Group Five, with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Luxembourg at Malmö.

The Scots dominated the Oslo games crashing home three goals before halftime.

Kenny Dalglish snapped the ball from a Norwegian defender in the 32nd minute, and passed for Joe Jordan to score easily.

Dalglish went free again seven minutes later and hit home a low shot beyond the reach of Norwegian goalkeeper Tom Jacobsen.

John Robertson, receiving a superb pass from left back Iain Munro, put the ball between the legs of Jacobsen to give the jubil-

Ladies golf championship sees ex-teacher card record 8 under

MASON, Ohio, June 8 (AP) — Jerilyn Britz, who did not qualify for the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour until she was 31, shot an opening eight-under-par 64 Thursday for a 4-shot lead in the LPGA championship.

Britz was a whopping nine shots in front of defending champion Nancy Lopez, who is bidding for her fourth consecutive victory this season. Lopez, a record 13 under par in this event last year, struggled to a one-over-par 73, well back in the pack.

Britz, a 36-year-old former teacher, matched a women's tour record with nine birdies and posted the lowest score ever in the 25 years of this major event.

Her round over the Nicklaus Golf Center was the lowest opening score on the 1979 LPGA tour by three shots. Pam Higgins, Debbie Meisterlin and Judy Rankin had fired opening 67s earlier this year.

Australian Penny Pulz, with a four-under-par 68, was the closest challenger to Britz. Pulz played

Nos. 10, 11 and 12 in heavy rain and gusting winds and still dipped one-under-par in that crucial stretch.

Atlanta first round

Atlanta, Georgia, June 8 (AP) — Leaders and scores after Thursday's first round of the \$300,000-Atlanta golf classic on the 7,019 yard, par 36-36-72 Atlanta Country Club course:

1. Mark Lye	31-33-63
2. Larry Nelson	32-35-67
3. Barry Jacob	34-33-67
4. Ed Fied	34-33-67
5. Wayne Levi	34-33-67
6. Gene Lister	35-33-68
7. Jack Bower	34-34-68
8. Bob Murphy	34-34-68
9. Charles Coody	34-34-68
10. Tim Simpson	35-33-68
11. Grier Jones	34-34-68
12. Peter Jacobson	35-35-69
13. Bill Collins	34-34-68
14. Peter Oosterhuis (England)	32-36-68
15. Penny Zoller	35-33-68

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a 54th minute penalty.

Luxembourg's best chance came in the 62nd minute when Marcel-di Domenico's shot was superbly saved by goalkeeper Ronnie Helsroem.

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Belgium	4	0	4	0	3	3	4
Norway	5	0	1	4	3	11	1

Group Five	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Carlskrona	3	3	0	0	8	1	6
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Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	7	12	0

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In disenchantment Hunt pulls out of Formula One

LONDON, June 8 (R) — Britain's James Hunt, world motor racing champion in 1976, announced Friday that he had quit the Formula One circuit.

The 31-year-old Hunt had been expected to retire from motor racing at the end of the season, but has decided that his Wolf car is not competitive enough.

Hunt shot to fame and fortune when he clinched the world championship for McLaren three years ago. He won 10 Grand Prix, his last success being in the 1977 Japanese race.

Hunt failed to win a race last year and at the beginning of this season switched from McLaren to Wolf.

Despite optimism from the Wolf team, financed by Canadian millionaire Walter Wolf, success continues to elude Hunt and he has rapidly become disenchanted.

Hunt said: "I am stopping now because my aim this season was to win races. Unfortunately, the current state of competitiveness among the cars in Formula One has rendered that target unlikely for me."

Hunt has been campaigning for increased track safety and last September tried unsuccessfully to save the life of Swede Ronnie Peterson as he lay trapped in the burning wreckage of his Lotus after a pile-up at the start of the Italian Grand Prix.

Hunt's racing career started with Lord Hesketh and he finished fourth in the 1975 drivers' championship. When Hesketh pulled out of motor racing, the blond Englishman switched to McLaren and clinched the world title a year later.

Hunt, who lives in Spain and is reputed to be a millionaire, said last October his aim was to be champion in 1979 so that he could "go out of motor racing on a high note."



EARLY SUCCESS : James Hunt holds aloft the 1977 John Player trophy after winning the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. But Hunt was to go without a win throughout 1978 and this season.

Works Porsches head Le Mans line-up

LE MANS, France, June 8 (AP) — Four Porsches — two works 936 speedsters and two 935 coupes from rival German teams — topped the field Thursday night at the end of qualifying for the Le Mans 24-hour road racing classic this weekend.

But there was general agreement here that the 1979 race, the 57th running of the event, was one of the most open in many years, with at least a dozen cars with good chances.

The Works-Porsches start the logical favorites, but there are doubts over their reliability over 24 hours, despite the factory's great Le Mans experience.

France's Bob Wollek took the pole position for the race with a time he set Wednesday of 3 minutes and 30.07 seconds, an average speed of 145.01 miles per hour for the 8.5 mile circuit. He will co-drive with a past winner, American Hurley Haywood.

Starting alongside will be Belgian Jacky Ickx, after his fourth straight and record fifth win here, teamed with veteran Briton Brian Redman. Though starting positions are of limited importance in a 24 hour marathon, they have a certain influence on morale.



NEWMAN : At 54, the oldest rookie at Le Mans, actor Paul Newman lies 10th on the grid.

In a final session interrupted for two hours by rain, Ickx posted a time of 3:31.37.

Behind them come the rival 935 coupes of the Kremer and Geln racing teams. The crews are German Klaus Ludwig with American brothers Dick and Bob Whittington, and Manfred Schurti of Liechtenstein with Jean-Louis Schlesser of France.

In the closing minutes of qualifying, Briton Derek Bell hauled the Mirage-Ford of Harley Clouston of Phoenix, Arizona, up into fifth spot with a 3:41.63 lap, but baulked by the rain, David Hobbs got only four laps to start learning the circuit after eight years absence.

The second Mirage was eighth,

driven by 1978 winner Jean-Pierre Jaussaud of France and Australian Vern Schuppan.

They were split by one of the three French Rondeaus and another Kremer Porsche 935, with another Rondeau and the British De Cadenet filling out the top ten.

Lying 16th overall and best of the I.M.S.A. class was the Porsche 935 driven by Dick Barbour of San Diego, California with actor Paul Newman and West German ace Rolf Stommelen. Stommelen set the time and the rest of the session was devoted to setting up the car to suit the three drivers.

Newman himself, at 54 the oldest rookie and one of the oldest drivers here, did only five laps but told Barbour, "I'm really happy with the car and the track is quite easy to learn. A few laps on race days and the baby will be dialed into the track for me."

The final list of qualifiers will be announced Friday, after all times are checked and five cars eliminated.

The race starts at 1200 GMT Saturday, earlier than usual because of Sunday's European Election voting.

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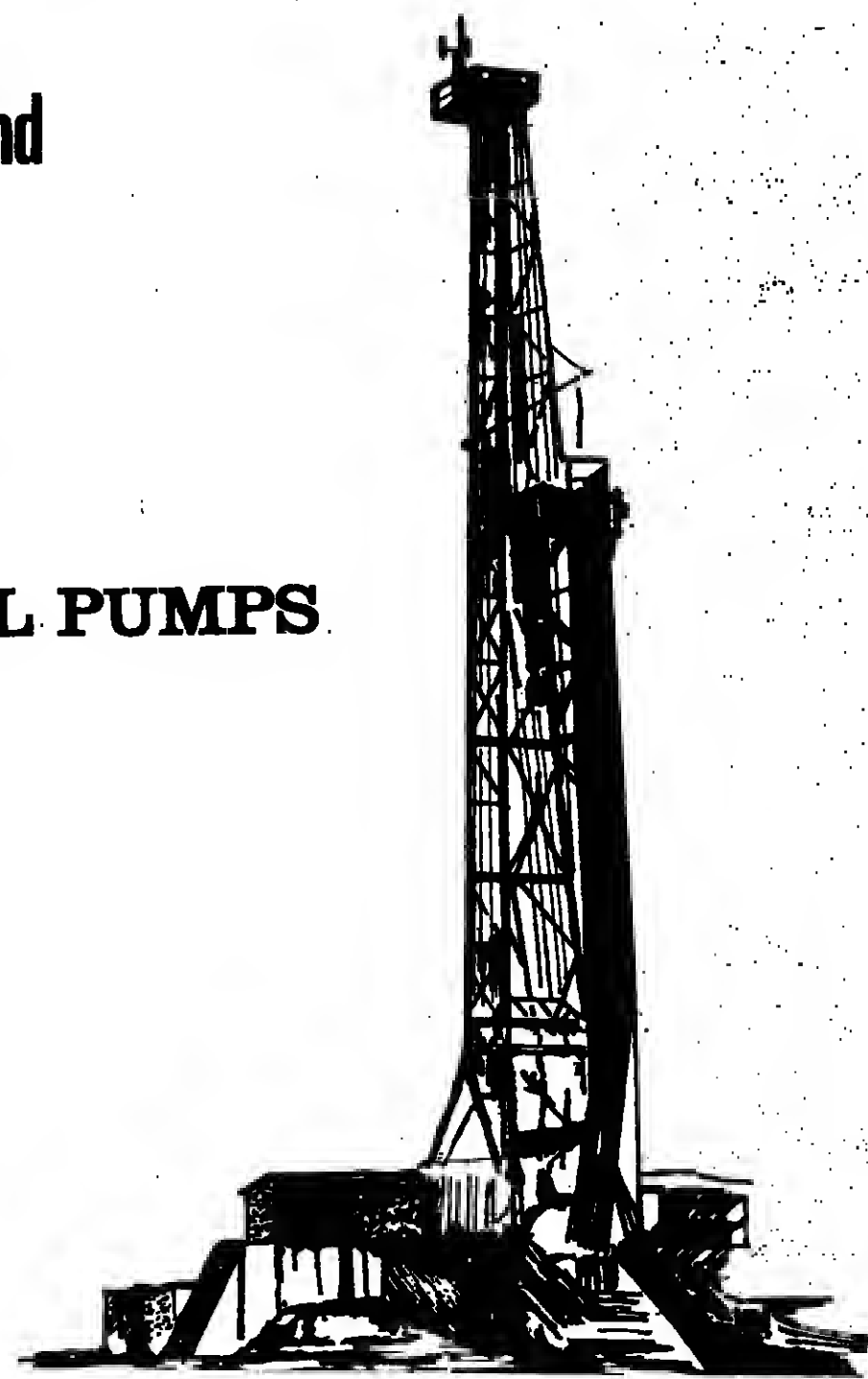
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Industrial countries try to limit price of oil at Tokyo talks

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP) — When the leaders of seven industrial nations meet for an annual summit conference this week in Tokyo, they will discuss how to put a lid on spiraling world oil prices, a top Jimmy Carter administration official says. The official said the seven world leaders also will consider new measures to boost production, reduce coal, and for cutting oil exports, and thus consumption, and the 5 per cent previously agreed.

Although oil prices have been a prime topic before, they will command greater attention in Tokyo because of oil shortages and skyrocketing prices, up more than 30 per cent this year. The official indicated the governments are most concerned about the rising price of oil in the spot market, where prices now range from \$30 to \$35 a barrel, compared to the average world price of \$17 a barrel. The basic OPEC price is \$14.75 per barrel, and it is this price the industrial nations expect will be increased at the June 26 OPEC meeting.



Jimmy Carter

French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet said in Washington earlier this week that the industrial nations will be "committing energy suicide" if they do not take binding action on energy at the summit. He suggested development of a mechanism to limit oil prices to the level set by OPEC. There have been suggestions, though not from the administration of President Jimmy Carter, that the industrial nations might agree to regular increases in oil prices to keep up with inflation, in return for assurances that the agreed-upon price will stick.

Foreign companies blamed Italians facing shortage of gas

MILAN, June 8 (AP) — Italy's National Association of Gasoline Station Owners reported Friday a shortage of gasoline and diesel oil supplies.

The association urged Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti's government investigation into causes of the shortage, which members of the group alleged was due to exports for higher prices. It claimed that several pumps were left without gasoline in the past two weeks after foreign companies reduced supplies. Stations getting gasoline from Italian state-owned groups Agip and Italiana Petrola (IP) got regular shipments, they said.

Reliable sources said a government action aimed at forcing foreign oil companies to sell in Italy 35

per cent of gasoline and diesel oil processed for abroad possibly was behind the decision by foreign companies to reduce imports of crude and delivery of gasoline to Italian stations.

Italy's Industry Minister Dario Nicolazzi said recently that the Italian government was ready to consider a higher share of profits for oil companies, under conditions that domestic needs were fully met.

The petroleum union countered that a severe shortage of gasoline could be expected by the summer if Italian consumption kept rising. Analysts expected Italy to face a deficit of nearly 9 million metric tons of oil by the end of 1979.



Giulio Andreotti

Gainers lead on market

Trading continues on positive side

NEW YORK, June 8 — Losing to earlier gains and in active trading, the market continued its positive path Thursday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 1.47, transports advanced 1.12, and utilities rose .71. Volume of trading for the day was 43.5 million shares with breadth on the positive side as advances led

decliners by a 2 to 1 margin. The American Exchange Index added 2.60 on the day. News at the close M1 down \$500 million, M2 up \$900 million, New York City bank loans up \$131 million.

Among the most active, McDonnell Douglas lost 1/4 to 20, Centex World gained 3/4 to 32, Charter Co. gained 1 to 24 1/2, Ticonderoga gained 1/4 to 14 1/2, and Northwest Airlines up 1/2 to 28 1/2. Growth and gains were slightly mixed with Upjohn up 1/4 to 46 1/2, Hoechst gained 1/2 to 65

1/4, IBM up 1/4 to 77 1/2, Fairchild Camera down 1/4 to 64 1/2 and CBS added 1/4 to 46. Energy issues were mostly positive with Continental Oil up 1/4 to 37, Mead Westvaco up 1/4 to 48 1/2, Halliburton gained 1/4 to 69 1/2, Standard of California up 1/4 to 48 1/2, and United Nuclear gained 1/4 to 19 1/2.

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U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.41	3.40
Pound Sterling	7.06	7.12	7.10
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	179.00	178.00
Swiss F (100)	198.00	197.50	196.60
French F (100)	77.00	77.00	77.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.03	4.01
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.50	105.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	76.50	87.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.58	4.59
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.22
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.14	11.10
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	89.00	88.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	89.00	90.55
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.88	8.88
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	74.75	74.65
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	77.00	87.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.55
Gold kg	—	30,750	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,585	—
Silver kg bar	—	1,000	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.91	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.10	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.63	—	—

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Ministry of Health	Surgical and medical equipment	517	100	July 3
Municipality of Mamm	Constructing of a central market for vegetables	—	3000	June 17
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Supply of fodder at the animal husbandry centers	1/5	50	June 16
" "	Drilling of four wells in different regions	1/7	500	June 17
Directorate of Education, Medina	Operating and maintaining of power generators at schools	—	200	June 30
Department of Water sewage, Medina	Supply of fuel	62-99/1400	300	July 7

Oil market under study after U.S. subsidy plan

PARIS, June 8 (R) — The International Energy Agency (IEA) will make a detailed analysis of how world oil markets work after an American move to channel more oil to the United States, IEA director Ulf Lantzke has said.

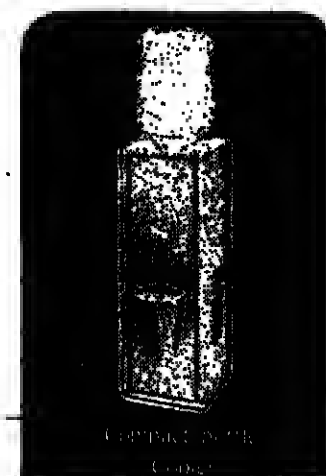
Following strong European condemnation of the U.S. action, Lantzke Thursday told reporters

the IEA secretariat asked for the study, which will be presented to member countries, grouping major Western oil consumers, June 26.

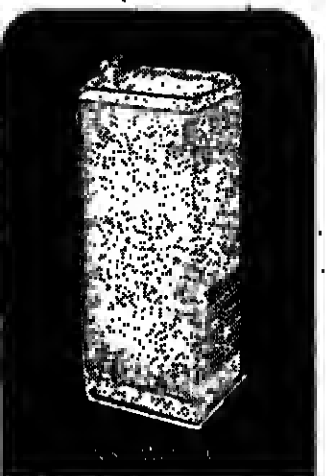
The U.S. measure, which European countries say would divert oil supplies from Europe and push up spot market prices, involves a \$5-a-barrel subsidy on imports of heating oil and diesel fuel.

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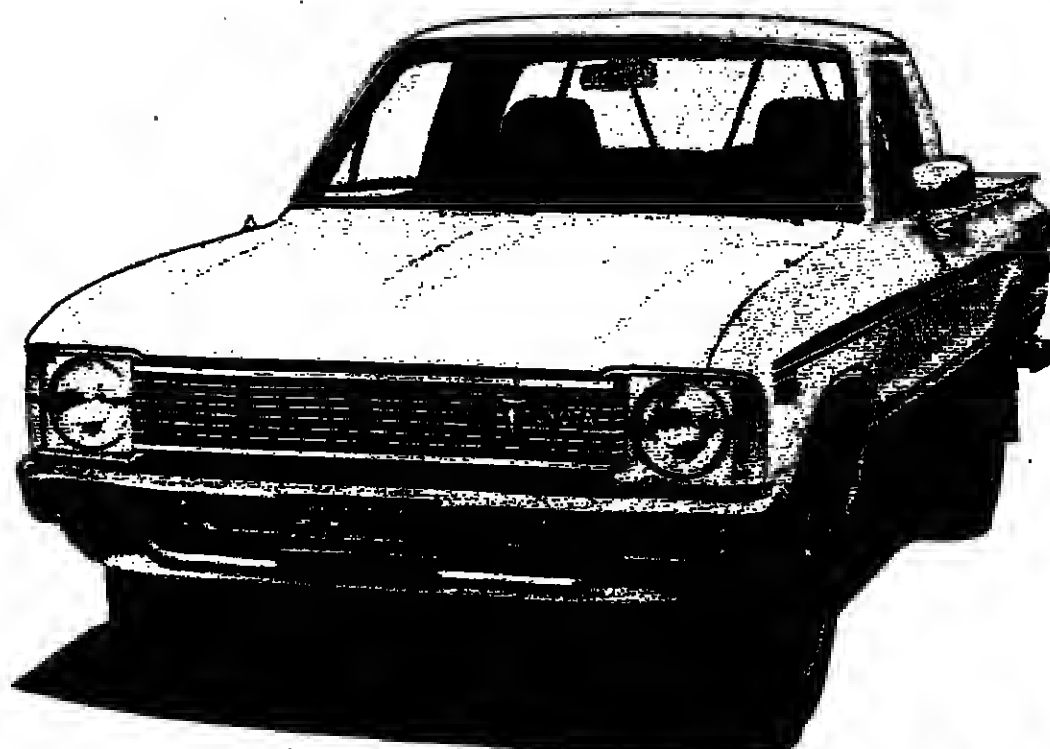
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CAPE TOWN, June 8 (R)— South Africa has announced a 37 per cent increase in the price of gas and reduced the speed limit on metropolitan highways in a major attempt to cut fuel consumption. Economics Minister Chris Heunis told a press conference that the price of gas to the motorist was being increased by 15 cents (17.7 U.S. cents) a litre and that the cost of other petroleum products would go up by between 16 and 18 cents a litre. He also announced that filling stations would be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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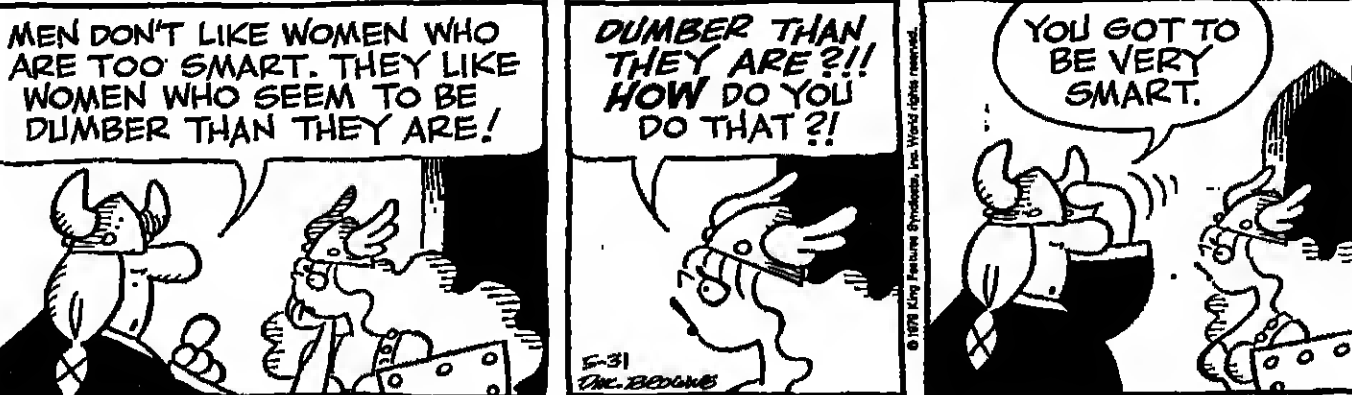
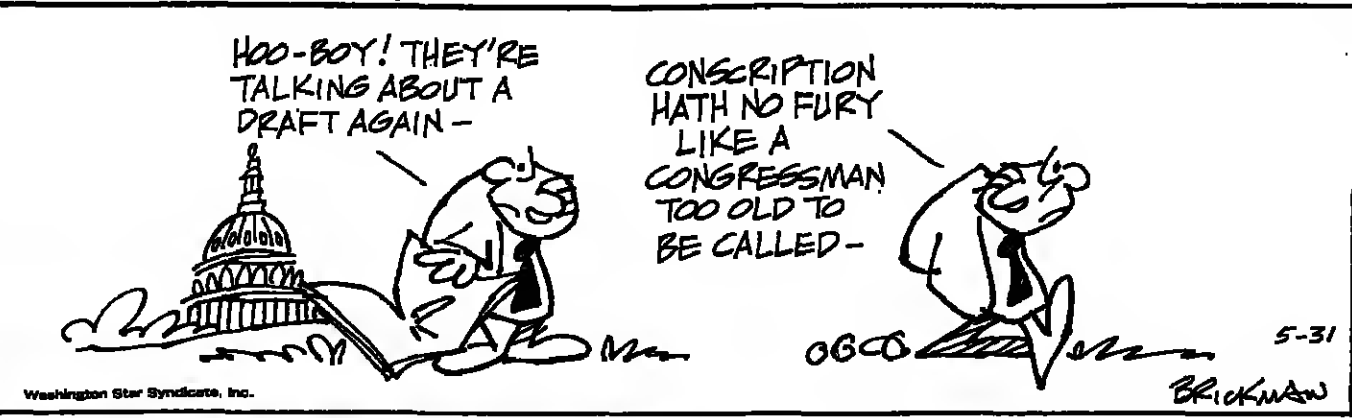
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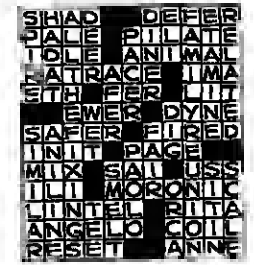


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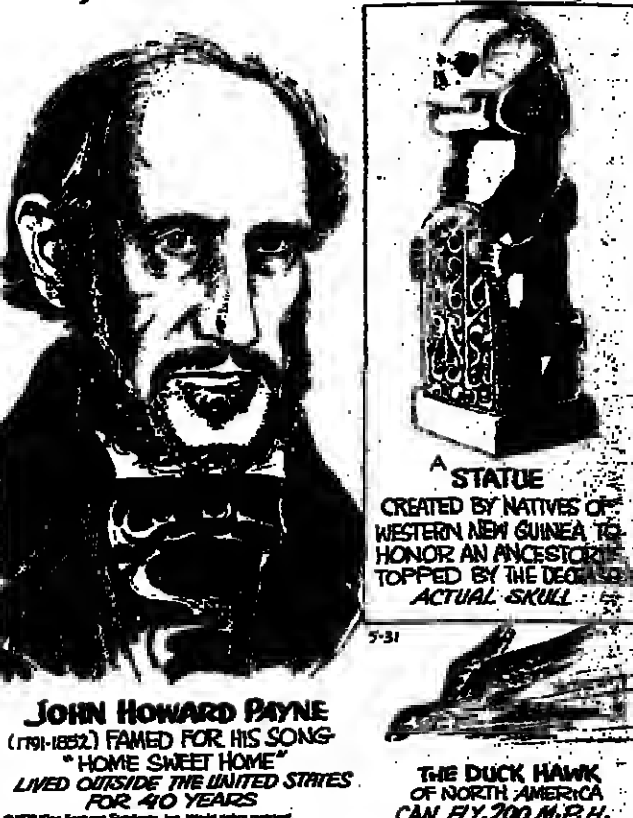
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The bidding: North: 1NT, 2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT. East: 1NT, 2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT. South: 1NT, 2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT. West: 1NT, 2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT.

Opening lead - three of hearts.

To lose a trick you don't have to lose and get back two in exchange is obviously a sound transaction. The opportunity to do this seldom arises, but, when it does, the opportunity should be seized with both hands.

West led the three of hearts, a marked singleton. Prospects of making the slam were rather poor after East covered dummy's ten with the queen and declarer won with the ace. South now had two heart losers and it seemed likely he'd lose them both.

Declarer realized that his best plan of play was to ruff dummy's clubs and hope that the ace would fall in time to make the king a trick. Accordingly, he led a trump to the queen, ruffed a club, led a trump to the king, ruffed another club, then played a low diamond to the ten, and ruffed a third round of clubs. When the ace did not fall, it seemed certain that declarer would have to go down one.

But South was not yet ready to give up. He next cashed dummy's A-K of diamonds and then played the king of clubs. When East followed suit with the queen, South realized that he now had the slam in the bag.

Instead of ruffing the club, he discarded a heart. As a result, South lost a club trick he didn't have to lose, but the trick soon came back with interest.

West took the club king with the ace but had to return a diamond or a club. In either case, South would ruff in dummy and discard his last heart to bring home the slam.

Declarer started with one plan - hoping that the club ace would fall - but he shifted to another when the original plan failed. A declarer should always stand ready to modify a plan that can no longer succeed.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

SATURDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:17	5:44	12:27	3:44	7:03	8:33
Medina	4:04	5:30	12:27	3:47	7:10	8:40
Nejd	3:38	5:11	11:59	3:20	6:41	8:11

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Sesame St: 1124, Capt. Gaveman Magic Shillelah
5:53 New Adv. of Huck Finn.	
6:16 Its a Small World	Mr. Noah's Mexico
6:40 Chico and the Man	Too Many Crooks
7:06 I Spy	Turkish Delight
8:00 Special: Hanna Barbera	Happy Hour: Linda Lavin
8:44 Quincy	A Night to Raise the dead
9:32 Channel Theater	Squeeze a Flower

WEATHER

Summer weather in most parts of the country with some rain-laden clouds. Warm weather in the eastern and central regions and the north central region with rising temperatures in the western and northwestern regions. Surface winds will be easterly in the central and eastern regions and westerly in western and northwestern regions. Generally moderate to medium.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	40	28	Nejran	39	23
Jeddah	35	27	Tabuk	36	20
Riyadh	45	30	Arar	40	23
Dhahran	45	28	Bisha	39	22
Medina	43	31	Yanbu	34	28
Taif	35	20	Abha	32	17

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1:10 This Week's Landmark	10:10 Light Music
1:20 Top of the Pops	10:15 NEWS
1:50 Classical Music	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Music Worldwide
2:30 Jazz Music	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 The Evening Show
3:20 Islam - The Divine Truth	11:45 World of Guitar
3:30 Leaps & Bounds	12:00 Imp., Com. & Recollections
3:40 MUSIC	12:10 MUSIC
3:50 Close Down	12:15 Nashville
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses	10:30 VOA Magazine: American; Science; Cultural; Letter
8:30 Dateline: News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	VOA WORLD REPORT
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	12:00 News Newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments oews analyses.

BBC

8.00 World News	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.09 *Twenty-Four Hours	5.15 Report on Religion
8.30 *Sarah Ward	6.00 Radio Newsreel
8.45 World Today	6.15 *Outlook
9.00 Newsdesk	7.00 World News
9.30 *Opera Star	7.09 Commentary
10.00 World News	7.15 *Sherlock Holmes
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	7.45 World Today
News Summary	8.00 World News
*Sarah Ward	8.09 News and Writers
*Something to Show	8.30 *Take One
You	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.00 World News	9.00 World News
11.09 FRReflections	9.09 News about Britain
11.15 Piano Style	9.15 Radio Newsreel
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.30 Farming World
12.00 World News	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.09 British Review	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.15 World Today	10.43 Look Ahead
12.30 Financial News	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.40 Look Ahead	11.00 World News
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: news Summary
Evening Transmission	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
1.15 Ulster in Focus	Midnight Transmission
1.30 Discovery	12.15 Talkabout
2.00 World News	12.45 Nature Notebook
2.00 World News	Notebook
2.09 News about Britain	1.00 World News
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1.09 *World Today
2.30 Sports International	1.25 Financial News
2.40 Radio Newsreel	1.35 Book Choice
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.40 Reflections
3.45 Sports Round-up	1.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News	2.00 World News
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

FRANCES DRAKE
FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Stress in connection with joint assets may make you edgy. Changeable moods range from optimism to pessimism. Find an even keel.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
An unusual suggestion of a close ally may strain finances. Spending time with family may prove more enjoyable than other pastimes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Nerves could be your bete noir now. A weekend jaunt or local visits with a close one keeps you from becoming bored. Very routine.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
A change in entertainment plans could put you in the mood to catch up on household chores or to seek ways to improve income.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
A family member may be abrupt with a friend. Dating plans go well if you don't let concern about money put you in a bad mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Spend some moments by yourself to renew spirit - otherwise your doleful outlook could cast a shadow over the whole household.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Travelers be wary of misplacing valuables. Talks with friends add an optimistic note, but still, at times, you're liable to be withdrawn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Problems re joint expenditures can be solved with a talk with allies. Take advantage of career opportunity, but hold on to cash.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
A partner does the unexpected. A change of scenery improves health and outlook. Take a vacation from career concerns. Be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
A friend may disrupt your routine. Off-the-beaten-track locales afford privacy. Busy tourist spots may prove limiting to some way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Mixing - business with pleasure may lead to an unpleasant surprise. Friends and loved ones surround you with love. Let go of inhibition.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
A domestic upset may lead to family discussions. Extra work pays career dividends, but save time for partners and close ones.

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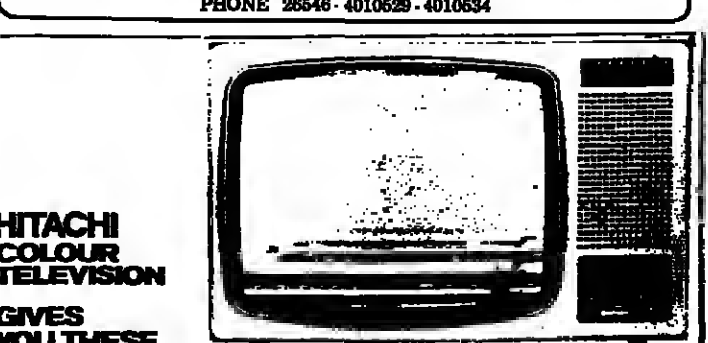
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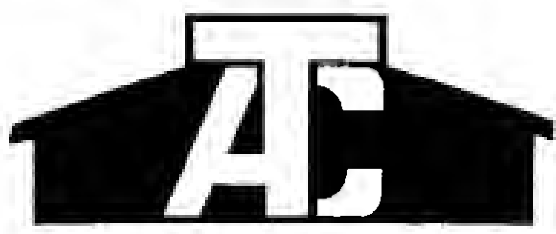
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Held for two weeks without charges

Professor, 15 Palestinians released in Israel

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 8 (R) — Israeli Professor Uri Davis and 15 Palestinian students were released from Israeli jails Thursday. Davis called for a United Nations investigation of human rights abuses in Israeli prisons.

Davis and the 15 Palestinians had been held without charges and

interrogated for two weeks. They were suspected of contacts with a Palestinian commando network in northern Israel.

They were apparently released because of the publicity surrounding their arrests and because Israeli police could not provide evidence of the alleged contacts with Palestinian commandos.

Interviewed by telephone

shortly after his release, Davis said there was no truth to the charges and asserted they were arrested because of their political views.

Davis, of England's Bradford University and a member of the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights, is a veteran supporter of the Palestinians. He holds British and Israeli citizenship.

Davis called for the formation

of a U.N. commission of inquiry to investigate the Israeli prison system.

Creation

"Israel is the political and legal creation of the United Nations organization," he said, and the U.N. therefore has the right to intervene.

"U.N. intervention in Israeli jails is now more urgent than many other current U.N. concerns and the U.N. has the facilities to force its intervention when it deems necessary."

Concern

Davis said he wanted "to draw public concern and attention to all those hundreds and thousands of political prisoners in Israeli jails today — over 3,000 in all — who have been less privileged and do not even enjoy a fraction of the concern and the protection which has been mine, who are detained under appalling conditions by far worse than mine, abused, beaten and tortured verbally and physically."

Davis said he was "one of the most privileged political prisoners in Israel today. Being of Jewish origin and a citizen of the State of Israel, I was protected by the official racism of the Jewish state and its hegemonic ideology, Zionism. Being a British citizen and a subject of the British Queen, I was also protected by the concern of British public opinion and its legal system."

Detained

Davis said he was detained for two weeks in a cell two meters

square. A light burned in the cell 24 hours a day, he was not allowed books or newspapers and was denied his "customary right as a detainee for one half hour or one hour's daily walk in the prison courtyard."

Davis refused to answer any questions under interrogation. His only response was "no comment."

Israel's police told the court they suspected Davis of links with "a sabotage network" allegedly led by one Munir Muhammad Shehadeh.

The police said Shehadeh had admitted contact with Davis and that the latter had sought funds from Fateh to finance a newspaper in Jerusalem.

Funds

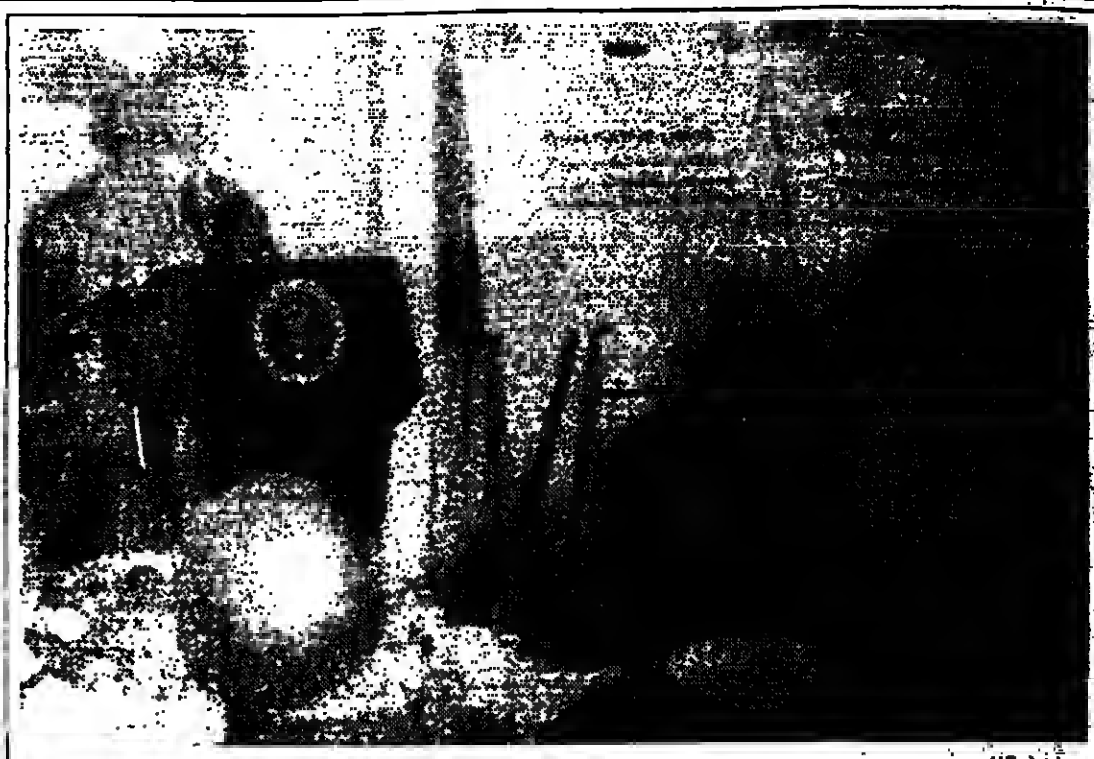
The source of the funds was alleged to be Khalil Al-Wazir (nom de guerre: Abu Jihad), operations officer of Fateh but the police provided no evidence to sustain the charges.

Davis called the allegations "a lie and fabrication."

Actions

He thanked the Ad Hoc Defense Committee at the School of Peace Studies at Bradford and the Ad Hoc Defense Committee in the U.S. for their actions on his behalf.

Davis said he was also helped by Lord Caradon who sent a letter to the British foreign secretary asking the Foreign Office to intervene.



SALT SELLER: President Carter speaks to a group of scientists at a White House breakfast last Tuesday, urging passage of SALT II.

Palestinians reject Jewish state

Poll shows opposition inside Israel

TEL AVIV, June 8 (R) — Half the Palestinians within Israel's pre-1967 borders do not recognize Israel's right to exist as an independent Jewish state and 75 per cent favor an independent Palestinian state on the occupied West Bank, according to an opinion poll.

The poll was carried out by the Arab Education Development and Research Institute, supported by the Ford Foundation.

Sami Semoucha, head of the Arab Department of the Jewish-Arab Institute at Haifa University, who directed the survey

among a representative sample of the nearly 500,000 Palestinians, said it showed that 64 per cent regarded Zionism as a racist ideology.

Semoucha noted a growing feeling of nationalism among the Palestinians, who represent about 15 per cent of Israel's population.

He noted that 48 per cent of those polled described themselves as Palestinians. The others said they were Israeli Arabs.

Fund-raising

AMMAN, June 8 (R) — A Jordanian-Palestinian delegation

will soon visit Arab states financing a fund to support the inhabitants of the Israeli-occupied territories, Jordan's Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odah said Friday.

The Arab summit in Baghdad last November decided to establish the fund and set aside \$150 million for it.

The decision on the tour was taken in Jordanian-Palestinian talks concluded in Amman Thursday.

Abu Odah, who led the Jordanian side in the talks, did not name the countries to be visited.

To Uganda

Judge orders Astles extradited

NAIROBI, June 8 (AP) — A Nairobi judge Friday ordered Bob Astles, the British-born aide of deposed Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, extradited from Kenya to Uganda to face trial on a charge of murder.

The order, which can be appealed to Kenya's High Court, was handed down by chief Nairobi Magistrate Fidahassein Abdullah after a one-hour, 10-minute court appearance by Astles, who appeared shaken and stunned by the decision.

"Your honor, I did not quite understand. I am confused," Astles, who was not represented by a lawyer, said after the decision was announced. "I understood that before I came here I would see my lawyer, but I have had difficulty there."

Abdullah curtly replied that the matter of legal representation in an extradition case was irrelevant and that if Astles wanted information on contacting a lawyer or how to appeal the order, he should consult the police.

Astles, who acted as Amin's foreign-policy adviser and key deputy, was immediately hustled out of the courtroom, his hands manacled, and put into a waiting car by police officers.

He had remained in Kampala until the last days of Amin's regime, which was toppled in April by a combined force of Tanzanian troops and Ugandan rebels.

Expelled from union for 'agitation'

East German dissident writers under fire

EAST BERLIN, June 8 (R) — The East German Writers' Union has voted to expel nine authors for what it called "anti-communist agitation."

The official ADN news agency said Thursday at a five-hour meeting Wednesday night the East Berlin branch of the union resolved that the nine, including novelist Stefan Heym, were not worthy of membership because of interviews and commentaries they had given to Western media.

They had mounted a campaign

against East Germany from abroad, slandering the state and its cultural policies in letters and statements published in Western newspapers, the union said.

"By such action they not only ignored the statute of our union but put themselves at the service of anti-Communist agitation against East Germany and against socialism."

The resolution to expel the nine must be approved by the union's presidium before it comes into effect, but this is a formality.

The nine are: Stefan Heym, Rolf Schneider, Joachim Seyppel,

Kurt Bartsch, Adolf Endler, Klaus Poche, Karl-Heinz Jacobs, Klaus Schlesinger and Dieter Schubert. Heym, 66, was fined 9,000 marks (\$4,500) last month for publishing a novel in the West without official permission.

Before his trial he made several bitter attacks on the Communist leadership in statements given to Western journalists, accusing the authorities of stepping up censorship and trying to stifle critical literature.

Schneider has long been under attack from Communist officials and the state-run media for publishing a novel in the West on the expulsion of singer-songwriter Wolf Biermann in 1976.

Bartsch, Endler, Poche, Schubert and Schlesinger all signed a letter to Communist Party leader Erich Honecker last month in which they attacked the use of legal proceedings to silence writers, citing the case of Heym. Seyppel, who crossed from

West Germany just six years ago, and Jacobs have both made critical remarks about the direction of East German cultural policy and talked of growing restrictions on writers in interviews and letters printed in West Germany.

Officially, the only disadvantage of expulsion from the union is loss of pension rights.

But it would now be difficult for them to get books published in East Germany, particularly because they had been labelled anti-Communists.

Heym, who fled to the United States from Nazi Germany then settled in East Germany in 1953, is one of the most popular writers in the country. Schneider is also widely read, but the seven others are less well known.

The expulsion was preceded by a lengthy press campaign against the authors. Schneider and Seyppel were called "sick characters" in a commentary published in the party daily "Neues Deutschland" last month.

Anti-Somoza guerrillas seen planning assault on Managua

MANAGUA, June 8 (R) — Guerrillas fighting the government of General Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua Friday appeared to be laying the groundwork for a possible assault on the capital.

Witnesses reported that five cities were under the partial control of Sandinista guerrillas, who launched a full-scale rebellion 11 days ago.

Fierce fighting raged on through the night in Masaya, a town of 20,000 people only 26 kilometers southeast of Managua.

Air force planes strafed guerrilla positions within the city Thursday.

But it seemed unlikely that the guerrillas would be able to capture the National Guard command post there, as there were hundreds of government soldiers defending the town.

There was no indication of how many guerrillas were taking part in the attack on Masaya, nor of the number of casualties.

But one resident said by telephone: "We cannot stick our noses out of the windows because the shooting is so intense. I can tell

you the situation is horrible here." Somoza declared a state of siege throughout the country two days ago, and a curfew has been imposed.

There were contradictory reports about the key city of Leon, Nicaragua's second largest town. Correspondents visiting Leon Thursday said it was largely in guerrilla hands, but National Guard officials said it had been

recaptured.

Residents of Diriamba, a city only 36 kilometers from the capital, said it too was under heavy guerrilla attack.

But a general strike called by the guerrillas was showing signs of crumbling as it entered its fifth day. More buses appeared in the streets of the capital Thursday, although stores remained closed.

Steadfastness Front said readying anti-U.S. action

BEIRUT, June 8 (R) — Radical Arab leaders are discussing plans to hold a summit aimed at sabotaging American interests in the Middle East and denying the U.S. access to Arab oil, a senior Palestinian leader said Friday.

Imposing an oil boycott on the U.S. was a major goal of the proposed meeting of the "Steadfastness Front", Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) leader Nayef Hawatmeh said.

The front groups Algeria, Libya, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), South Yemen and Syria. Only Libya and Algeria are major oil producers, accounting for less than one sixth of Arab oil exports.

Hawatmeh said that if the front imposed an oil boycott, the other Arabs would have to follow its lead.

"When the front approves an oil and gas boycott against the U.S., this would present the other Arab regimes with a fait accompli and compel them to follow suit," Hawatmeh said.

"The next summit should also demand total rejection of any further American interference in the Middle East dispute," he added.

The front was formed in December 1977 to resist the Egyptian-Israeli peace moves and has held three summit conferences since.

Bombs sports day

Lebanese youth bad loser

BEIRUT, June 8 (R) — A 14-year-old Lebanese boy apparently threw a hand grenade which wounded 28 teenagers because he was angry about being banned from a school sports day.

Security sources said the incident occurred at a school in the northern town of Tripoli Thursday. Five of the injured were still in hospital Friday.

After being arrested, the boy claimed the explosion was caused by anti-aircraft shells, which were being fired at low-flying Israeli planes at the time.

In Beirut, police shot dead a man who was driving a lorry the wrong way down a one-way street. The sources said the driver fired first after an officer challenged him.

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